

Worship Script
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023, 8:15 a.m.

WELCOME AND GREETING

INVOCATION and PSALM

P: We are here together to worship God – Father, † Son and Holy Spirit - Who yearns for us to hear His Word and respond in praise and service.

C: **We give you praise, O Lord, for those who planted the Word in our minds and hearts!**

P: Gracious and loving God, we are so glad to be here today and it is our desire to show our love and gratitude for all You have done in our lives. It is our hope that others will come to know You and Your unconditional love, mercy, and grace. As we worship today, instill in us a desire to persevere as we reach out to others and sow Your Word. May the power of your Holy Spirit and the light of Christ do a mighty work in us as we hear Your word and heed Your call.

C: **In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

PSALM 65:9-13

P: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

C: **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

P: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

C: **The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**

P: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

OPENING SONG

“Raise a Hallelujah”

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me**

**I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you’re gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive**

**I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear, you lost your hold on me**

**I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive**

**Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
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Sing a little louder, (louder than the unbelief)
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**I raise a hallelujah
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I raise a hallelujah**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: We now take this time to reflect on our lives and confess our sins.

C: We confess that we are often self-centered, and neglect to share Your Word with others – our families as well as coworkers and friends. We confess that there are areas of our lives that need change, but our pride and stubbornness get in the way. We know that we need to be willing to take risks and leave our comfort zones so that we can conform our lives to Yours.

P: We confess that we have tried to take control by trying to work out things ourselves rather than come to You. We confess that when faced with problems and challenges in our lives, we spend needless time worrying and stressing. We regret that we have not heeded Your instructions and have not relied on our faith in You.

C: We confess that we have kept the saving message of Jesus Christ to ourselves and have not sown the seed in order to impact the lives of others. Help us to be more consistent in living out our faith and help us to be more persistent in sharing our faith with others. We know that God has power to heal, restore, and change lives. Help us to continue planting Your word. With all these confessions, we are sorry and ask for Your mercy and forgiveness.

(Time of Silence for personal examination)

P: By Christ's authority and power, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are cleansed and made new again!

C: AMEN!

SONG

"Battle Belongs"

When all I see is the battle, you see my victory
When all I see is the mountain, you see a moun - tain moved
And as I walk through the shadows, your love sur - rounds me
There's nothing to fear now, for I am safe with you

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle be - longs to you
Every fear I lay at your feet, I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to you

And if you are for me, who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing impossible for you
When all I see are the ashes, you see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God you see the empty tomb

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle be - longs to you
Every fear I lay at your feet, I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to you

**Almighty fortress, you go be - fore us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadows you win every battle
Nothing can stand against the power of our God**

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(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit

himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made,**

**Being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
And ascended into heaven**

**And sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen. *(Please be seated)***

SERMON “What Kind of Soil Are You?” Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *Pastor Morgan Lane*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

“I Speak Jesus”

**I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus**

**I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
De - claring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus**

**('Cause) Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire**

**I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxie - ty
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus**

**('Cause) Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire**

**Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry ene - my
Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name Jesus**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

**“It Is Well With My Soul”
“Jesus Lover Of My Soul”
“From The Inside Out”**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

“Every Victory”

**We will lift our eyes, We won't fear the fight
There is One who's stronger
Hard pressed on each side We will not lose sight
Of the One who's greater**

**One name, one name holds every victory
One voice that silences the enemy
One King who reigns for all eternity
Je - sus, Je - sus**

**On the battlefield Your power is revealed
Giants fall defeated
We are taking ground Walls are falling down
In the mighty Name of Jesus**

**One name, one name holds every victory
One voice that silences the enemy
One King who reigns for all eternity
Je - sus, Je - sus
Je - sus, Je - sus**

**Every victory is Yours Every victory is Yours
You rose, You reign
Death is buried in the grave
Hell could not defy Your name
You rose, You reign**

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