

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Facebook Live Stream Worship
July 19, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth

People: For God keeps faith forever!

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

People: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

People: for God keeps faith forever!

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Most Gracious God, we greet you once again in this sacred time. We come to worship because we need to be reminded of your love and your expectations for our living. We are like the vine you planted, watered and protected. We know in our hearts that we need, want and desire your presence in our lives. So, we come in prayer and listen for your Word to speak to our hearts and reveal again your desires for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NRSV)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon

me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: The Great Companion

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**Go forth from this place rejoicing,
Knowing that your relationship with God is secure.
You are loved, sought after and cared for,
In the name of God, the Creator, Christ and the Holy Spirit.**

Amen

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.