

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

11:00 am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Valz Romantic" by Kjell Marcussen
Soren Lorentzen, viola and Enerel Gantumur, cello

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT "Come All You People"
Soren Lorentzen, Enerel Gantumur, and Dr. Renee Huff

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 98 Lucinda Cooke

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

*OPENING HYMN #331 "God of the Ages"

*OPENING PRAYER

Most loving Creator, we come to you amazed with living
in the time and place we find ourselves in today. Yet we
are reminded time and time again of just how broken our
attempts at expressing such amazement can be, as well-
intentioned as they may be, and how dependent we are on
your love and grace. As we celebrate your creation, we also
ask forgiveness for our lack of stewardship in caring for
your creation. Open our minds and our hearts on this day,
Lord, as we invite your very Spirit to speak to us once more
your words of faith, hope, and love.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Friends, God hears our prayers, cleanses us of our brokenness,
and restores us to faithful service. The Good News: in Jesus
Christ we are forgiven!

Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #647 "Give Thanks"**

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "A Beginning" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "It Is Well with My Soul" *Soren Lorentzen*

***DOXOLOGY #606** *Old Hundredth*

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" **Hymnal #559**

Lord's Prayer *Hymnal pg. 35*

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

Communion Music "Come Thou Fount"

Soren Lorentzen and Enerel Gantumur

Prayer After Communion

***CLOSING HYMN #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

***BLESSING & SENDING** Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE** "Duo for Viola and Cello - Rondo" by Vaclav Pichl
Soren Lorentzen and Enerel Gantumur

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PICNIC WITH 2ND & 3RD THURSDAY, JULY 11! Please join us for our church picnic with 2nd & 3rd Presbyterian Churches on Thursday, July 11 at 6:00pm at Gypsy Hill Park. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Fried chicken, paper goods & drinks will be provided. Don't forget to bring a chair! To get there, enter Gypsy Hill Park through the Thornrose entrance and meet in the dell on the right, behind the Brigade Band Building. Please RSVP to the church office at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 if you plan to attend.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME SOREN LORENTZEN AND ENEREL GANTUMUR, who are playing during worship today! Soren Lorentzen, a recent graduate of Rice University, is playing viola, and is now playing with the Winnipeg symphony. Enerel Gantumur, a sophomore recipient of a music scholarship to Eastman, is playing cello. Both are here for Heifetz. Welcome Soren and Enerel!

SESSION WILL MEET Tuesday, July 9 at 5:15pm in the library.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WILL MEET Wednesday, July 10 at 5:15pm in the library.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Brad Furr; Julie Furr; Donna Alexander; Anne Reese (mother of friend of Jennifer Krebs); Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; David Klein (brother-in law of Scott & Sharon Wilson); Judy & Charles

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.

Elders

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Sam Clem, Discipleship, Congregational Life
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Barbara Richardson, Congregational Life

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1. Increase our dedication and support to both the community and world missions as we engage the entire congregation in spreading the Gospel.
2. Develop our building assets as a resource for community ministries.
3. Continue and improve our strong educational and music programs.
4. Nurture our members in times of need and joy.