

# *Order of Worship*

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024

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**Gathering and Welcome** *The Old Rugged Cross*

**Prelude** *I Saw the Light* – Hank Williams

Ukulele Ladies

Lanell Mikeska, Kathy Winter, Jessye Whitis

**Call to worship**

We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

**We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.**

Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

**May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say  
to us this day.**

Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

**let us gather to worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn # 515 *I Come with Joy***

**Call to confession**

When we gather to worship God, we must first be honest with ourselves. We are not who God has called us to be as a people. We have not cared for others in every instance. We have made many mistakes. Let us unburden ourselves and confess our sins, knowing that God awaits to forgive and renew.

**Prayer of confession**

**Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

**Assurance of pardon**

Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun. You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Prayer for illumination**

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. Speak Lord, for your people are listening. Amen.

**Instrumental Anthem *Peace Call*** – Woodie Guthrie

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**Scripture readings** Ephesians 1: 1 - 10

**The Word is Proclaimed and Claimed: Freedom in Christ**

**\*Affirmation of faith** (adapted from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

**We believe when Jesus spoke, he spoke with God’s authority. When Jesus acted, he acted with God’s power. Jesus amazed people with his deeds of power, but he was also gentle and loving. Even now, he cares for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for sheep. Jesus also called his disciples to follow him. Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to always trust in God. He preached the good news of God’s love and gave everyone hope for new life. We live our lives in gratitude for the person and work of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Call for the offering**

All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Let us then give back a portion of that goodness to God’s work in the world.

**Offertory *Right Here*** – Sam Turton

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**Doxology #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

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**Prayer of dedication**

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you. May they be used to bring grace and healing to this hurting world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn of Choice #**

**A Liturgy for Holy Communion (attachment)**

**Charge and benediction**

May you each go out with nothing but words of grace and healing, relying on Jesus Christ, who always gives us what we need. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you all. Amen.

**Postlude *I’ll Fly Away***

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