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## Seventh Sunday after **PENTECOST**



Pema Chödrön  
*The Places that Scare You*

**July 19, 2020**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP


Prelude

*I Need Thee Every Hour*, arr. Lloyd Larson

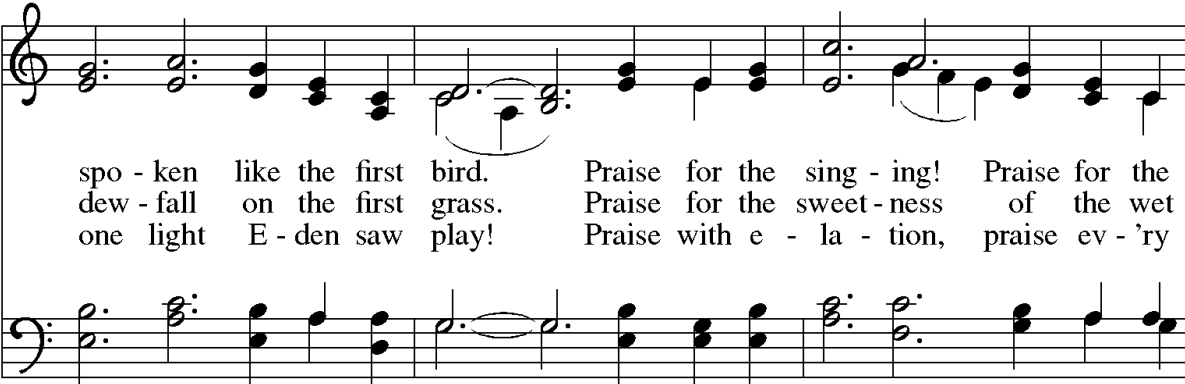
Welcome

Hymn

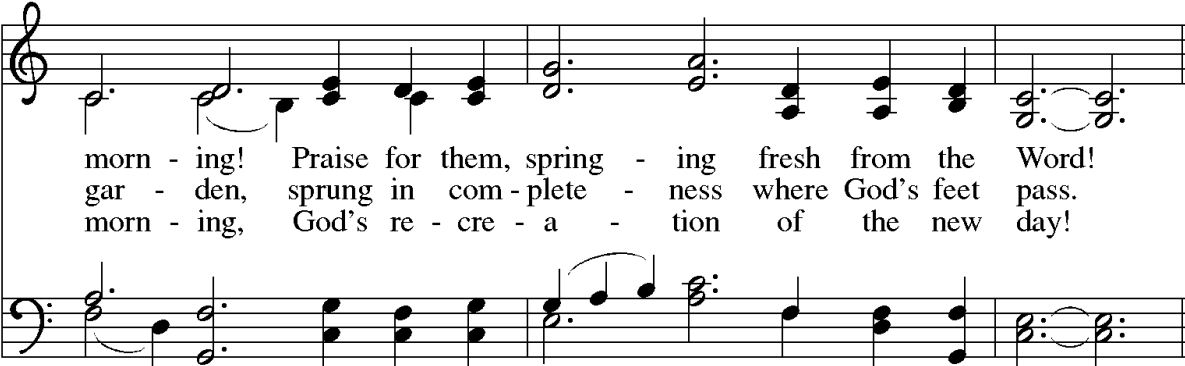
#### Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

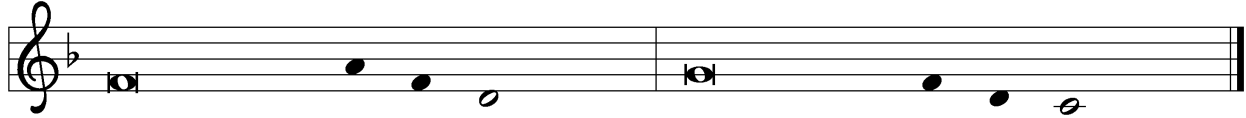
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## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Psalm 86:11-17



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Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,  
and glorify your name for- | evermore.**

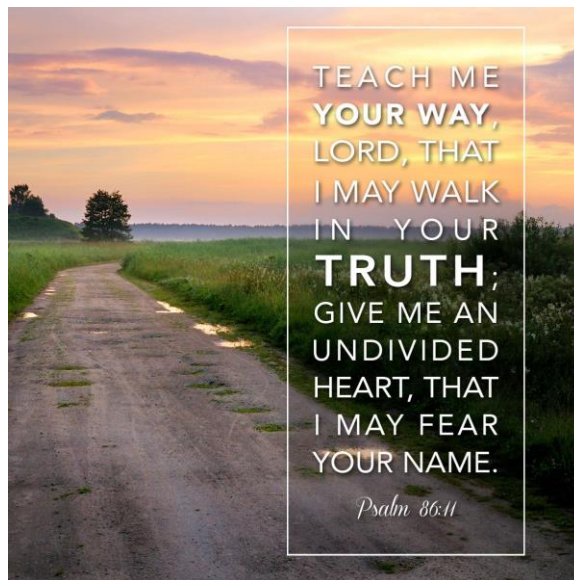
For great is your | love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent  
people | seeks my life;  
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your  
handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and  
be | put to shame;  
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.



## Gospel

**Matthew 13:24-30** (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told his disciples this story. "God's kingdom is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. That night, while the hired men were asleep, the farmer's enemy sowed thistles all through the wheat and slipped away before dawn. When the first green shoots appeared and the grain began to form, the thistles showed up, too.

"The farmhands came to the farmer and said, 'Master, that was clean seed you planted, wasn't it? Where did these thistles come from?'

"The farmer answered, 'Some enemy did this.'

"The farmhands asked, 'Should we weed out the thistles?'

"The farmer said, 'No, if you weed the thistles, you'll pull up the wheat, too.

Let them grow together until harvest time. Then I'll instruct the harvesters to pull up the thistles and tie them in bundles for the fire, then gather the wheat and put it in the barn.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Message**

***THE ESSENCE OF BRAVERY***

## Epistle Reading

**Romans 8:12-25** (The Message, alt.)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the early church at Rome

We don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, God?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who God is, and we know who we are: Parent and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's *within* us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**



**Ministry of Music**  
***Just As I Am***

Bradbury  
Kathy Rapp, harp

**Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Marshall Edgington and family, family of Bernice Stewart and cousins Bobby Isbell and Deborah Merrill Skiver, family of Betty Shull, Mary Bowling's sister Val.

**Sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

**Children's Time**

Emily Ott

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.

Holy God, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge and transform us. God has prepared a room for us: fire to warm our hearts, water to wash our weary feet, the table set and waiting. And now, from beyond time, the breath of the Spirit comes whispering through the fabric of time to call us in. So come ... whether your time is just beginning or many years in the marking; whether your hours are filled and fruitful or wanting and withered; whether you have invested wisely or buried your coins in the ground; for here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine – a place of timeless and timely grace.

We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement for the time to come. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me" And after supper he took a cup, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Hear us now as, at this time, we commit ourselves to your Way, and pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our time. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened for this time and for time to come.

### **Sharing the Meal**



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit, You who mothered creation and enabled Incarnation, continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity. Spirit, You who led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. Spirit, You who transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Spirit, You whom Jesus sends as Friend, continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns and love directs all.

**Amen.**



# WE ARE SENT

## Hymn

## You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
still and know I am here.  
Come and rest in me. *To stanza 2*  
*To refrain*  
*Refrain*  
Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by  
name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I  
love you and you are mine."

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

***The Solid Rock*, arr. Mark Hayes**

**Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.**

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**Adult Sunday School**

**10 am Sundays**

**Via ZOOM**



**THE APOSTLES' CREED  
FOR TODAY**



**Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm**  
***The Letter of James***  
**We'd love to have you**  
**join us via ZOOM!**



**Birthdays this week:**

19 - Leslie Sorg  
20 - Pamela Reed  
21 - Grace Jones  
22 - Alta Boreman  
22 - Kim Faulk  
22 - Noah Gosnell  
25 - Tracy Hoddinott

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bernice Stewart
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Debra Rigsby
<b>Reader</b>	Bailey Sanders
<b>Cantor</b>	Renee Glover-Oakleaf
<b>Children's Time</b>	Emily Ott
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Producer</b>	Tom Mimplitch

*Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 19 - 26

<b>Today</b>	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	3-6:00 pm	<b>LSS / Mid-Ohio Food Giveaway</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am 10:00 am	Pick Garden Garden Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	YouTube 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education Confirmation Class

