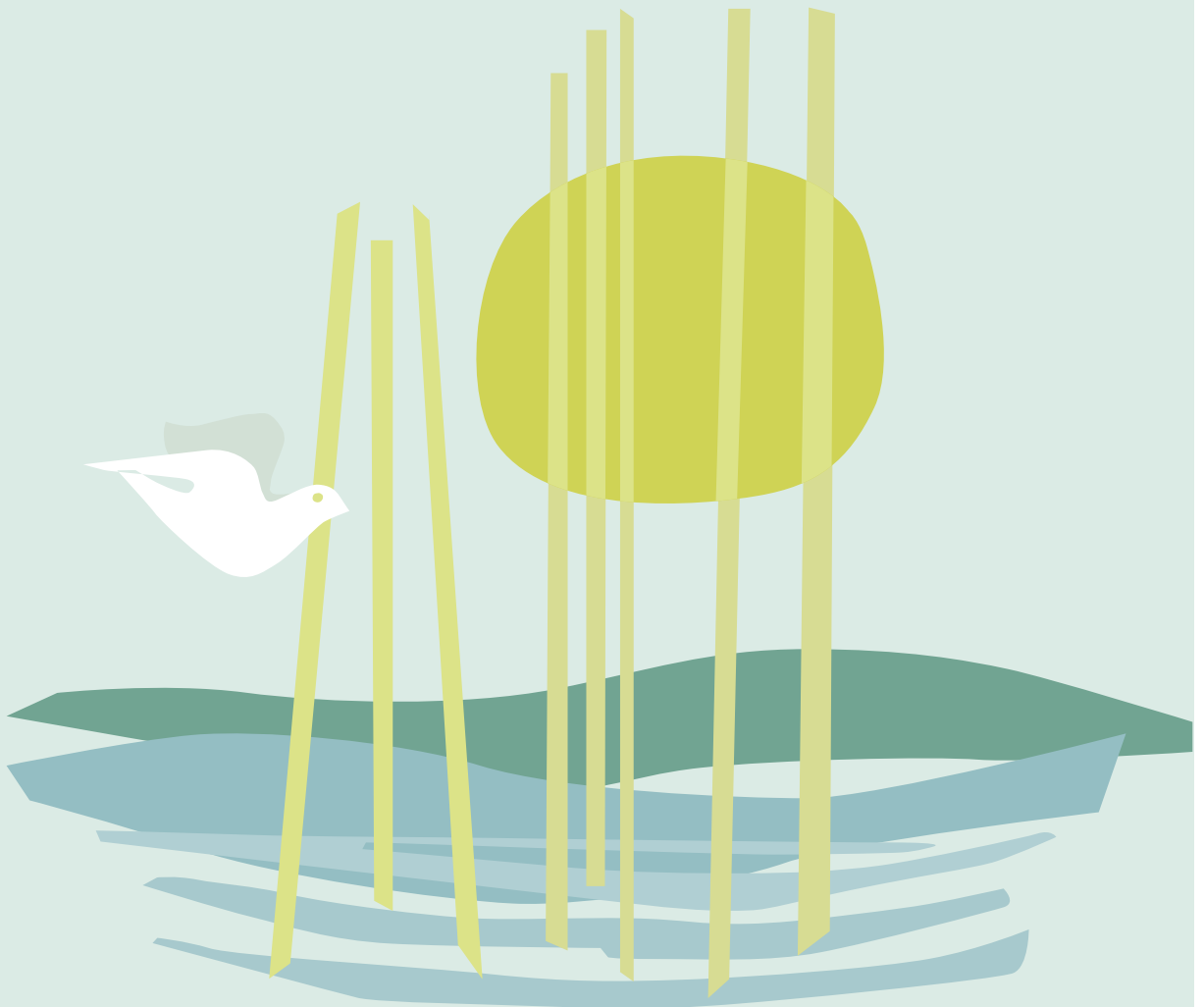


JOYFUL

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 25, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, hear the good news: in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ we have been offered new life—a new beginning, a fresh start, a renewed spirit, a life-giving relationship with God, and the life-sustaining support in the community of God's people.

We receive this good news and we celebrate it. New life in Christ gives us all hope, and courage to face the future. Filled with the Spirit, we have confidence that nothing is beyond the reach of God's redeeming love and renewal. For this we offer God our thanks and praise!

HYMN #11: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 21:8-21 (*Old Testament page 17*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 (*New Testament page 544*)

Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1b-11 (*New Testament page 156*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 10:24-39 (*New Testament pages 10-11*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #294:** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #537:** *In Water We Grow*

THE BAPTISM OF *William Wolf Rendall*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

HYMN #690: *The City is Alive, O God

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious, gracious to you.**

**The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you
Give you,
Give you peace.**

POSTLUDE

*Join us after the service
for coffee and conversation, in the Narthex.*

Welcome!



GREETER: Cinda Madonna
READERS: Rich and Deeann Puffert
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jane Leach
USHER: Claire Scranton
COFFEE SERVERS: George and Claire Scranton
LIVESTREAM: Signe

