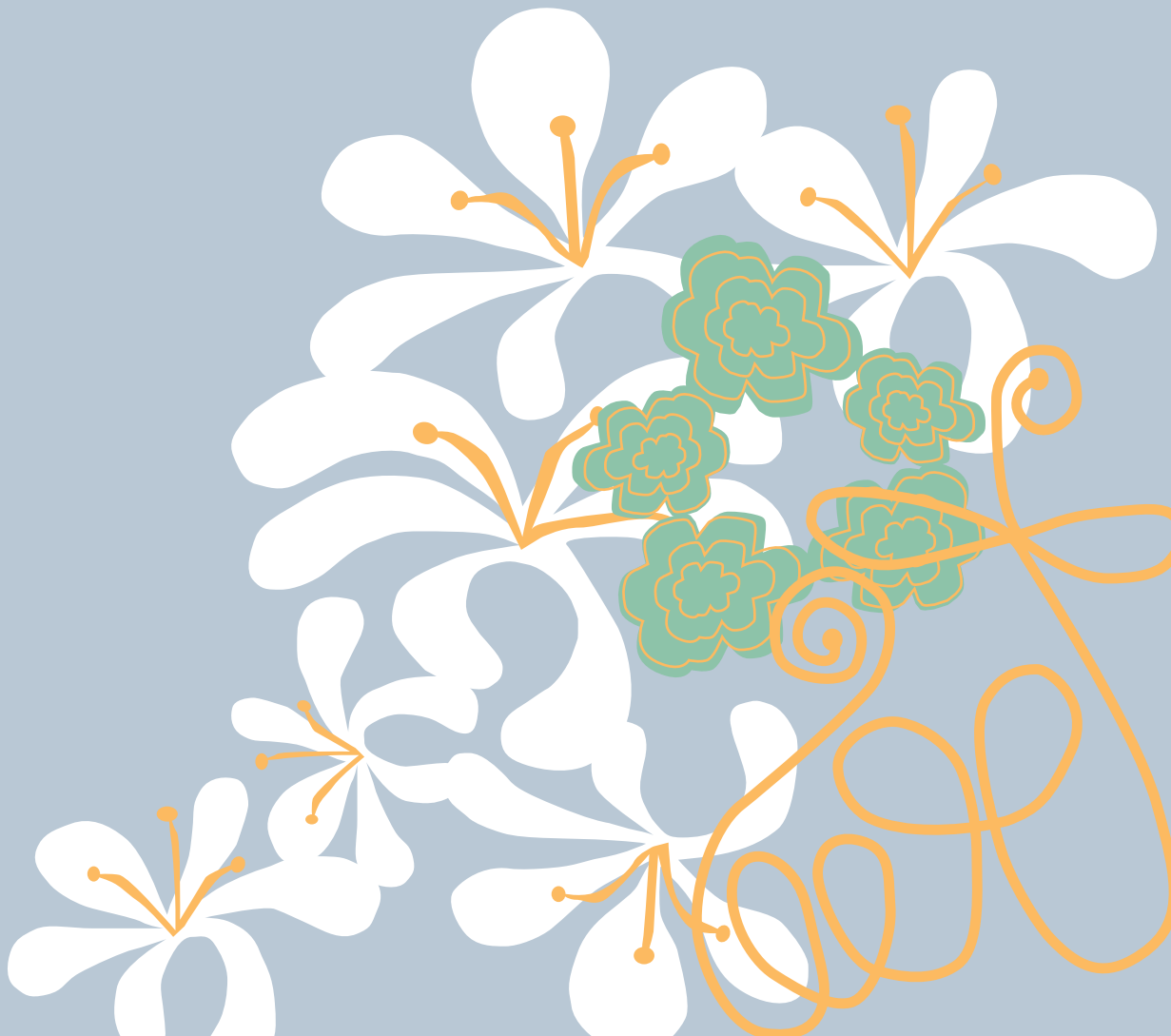


GOODNESS

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 16, 2023



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

We gather together...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, why have you gathered?

To worship!

Our world gives us many options for objects of worship, from those people of fame and celebrity to fame, celebrity, wealth, and power for ourselves. What or who do you wish to worship?

We worship our God, creator of the universe, redeemer of all creation, and sustainer of all things created, including humanity.

Then without hesitation, let us worship our God.

We will praise our God with all thanks, praise, and blessing.

***HYMN #64: Praise the Lord, All Praise and Blessing**

***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 25:19-34 (*Old Testament pages 21-22*)

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

PSALM

Psalm 119:105-112 (*Old Testament page 569*) **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-11 (*New Testament pages 157-158*)

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

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (*New Testament pages 13-14*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #529:** *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

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

***HYMN #70:** *Your Love, O God, Is Broad*

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 #611: *Your Cause Be Mine

***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!



Special thanks to our guest musician, Eric Verlinde.

GREETERS: Rich and Deeann Puffert
READERS: George and Claire Scranton
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Andrea Johnson
USHER: Corbin Sheffels
COFFEE SERVERS: Linda and Tom Morris
LIVESTREAM: Karl Nelson

