



Ask, Search, Knock

July 27, 2025
7th Sunday after Pentacost



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know the cry room at the back of the
sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their
little ones.**

Please silence your cellphone at this time

MORNING CHANT:

ELOHAI N'SHAMAH

אלהי נשמה
שנתת בי
טהורה היא

Elohai
n' shamah,
Shehatata bi
t'torah he.

My God,
The soul you have
given me,
She is pure.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

***All* you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

***All* Amen.**

Opening Song

As We Gather

Words and Music by
Tom Coomes and Mike Fay



As we gath - er, may___ Your Spir - it work with - in us.

As we gath - er, may___ we glo - ri - fy Your name. Know - ing well that as___ our

hearts be - gin to wor - ship, we'll be blessed be - cause___ we

came,_____ we'll be blessed be - cause___ we came.

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Let us pray,

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve.

All Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Genesis, the 18th chapter

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Genesis 18:20-32

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Colossians, the 2nd chapter

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

Colossians 2:6-15

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All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him

at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion?¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:1-13

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Children’s Sermon
&
Noisy Offering

Sermon

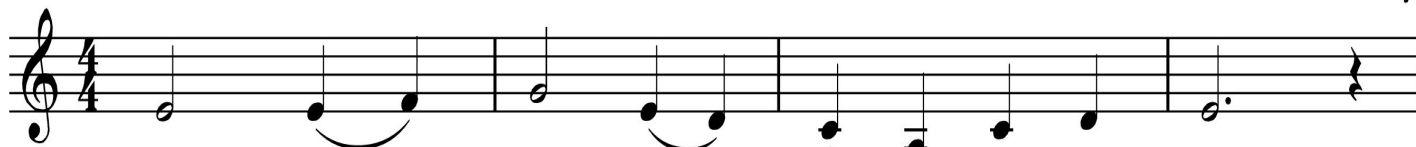
Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Seek Ye First

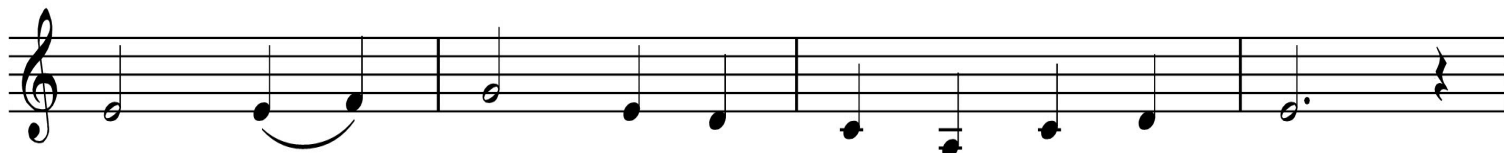
Words and Music by
Karen Lafferty



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Man shall not live by bread a - lone
3 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you,



and His right - eous - ness,
but by ev - 'ry word
Seek and ye shall find,



And all these things shall be add - ed un - to you -
That pro - ceeds from the mouth of God -
Knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you -



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.

Prayers of the People

You may be Seated

WA In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace,

All: You hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

You may be Seated



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.

**All Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Another time, after Creator Sets Free (Jesus) had finished praying, one of his followers said to him, “Wisdomkeeper, teach us how to pray in the same way Gift of Goodwill (John) taught his followers.” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) smiled and said to them, “ When you send your voice to the Great Spirit , here is how you should pray:

All **O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
your name is sacred and holy.**

**Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways
in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.**

**Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon,
the corn, the squash, and the wild rice:
all the good things we need for each day.**

**Release us from the things we have done wrong
in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.**

**And guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray
from your good road. Amen**

The Invitation

P The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Above All

Words and Music by
Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

(1) A - bove all pow - ers, a - bove all kings, a - bove all
na - ture and all cre - a - ted things; A - bove all
wis - dom and all the ways of man,
You were here be - fore the world be - gan. (2) A - bove all
king - doms, a - bove all thrones, a - bove all
won - ders the world has ev - er known; A - bove all
wealth and treas - ures of the earth,
there's no way to meas - ure what You're worth.
Cru - ci - fied, laid be - hind the stone; You lived to die, re -
ject - ed and a - lone; Like a rose, tram - pled on the ground,



_____ You took the fall, and thought of me, a - bove
all.

For Those Tears I Died

Words and Music by
Marsha J. Stevens



1. You said You'd come _____ and share all my sor-rows. _____ You said You'd
- (2.) good-ness so great _____ I can't un - der - stand, _____ and dear Lord, I
3. Je - sus, I give You my heart and my soul, _____ I know that with -



be there for all my to - mor-rows. _____ I came so close _____ to
know _____ that all this was planned. _____ I know You're here now and
-out God I'd nev - er be whole. _____ Sav - ior, You o - pened



send-ing You a - way. But just like You prom-ised, You came here to _____
al - ways will be, Your love loosed my chains _____ and in You I'm _____
all _____ the right doors and I thank You and praise You from earth's hum - ble _____



stay, _____ I just had to pray. _____ And Je - sus said,
free, _____ but Je - sus why me? _____
shores, _____ Take me, I'm Yours. _____



"Come to the wa - ter, stand by My _____ side; I know you are

thirs - ty, you won't be de - nied. I felt ev - 'ry tear -

-drop when in dark-ness you cried and I strove to re - mind

you that for those tears I died." 1, 2.

3.

2. Your died." (3.)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

All Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

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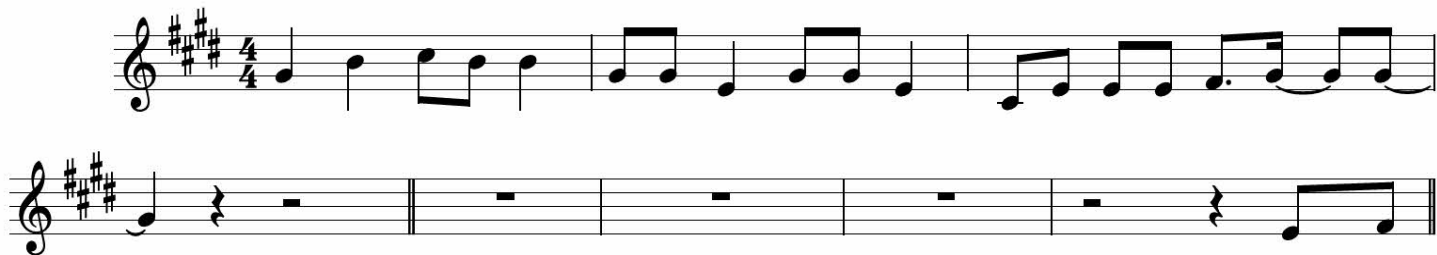
Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

Sending

Everywhere I Go

Words and Music by
Jason Ingram, Paul Mabury
and Tim Timmons



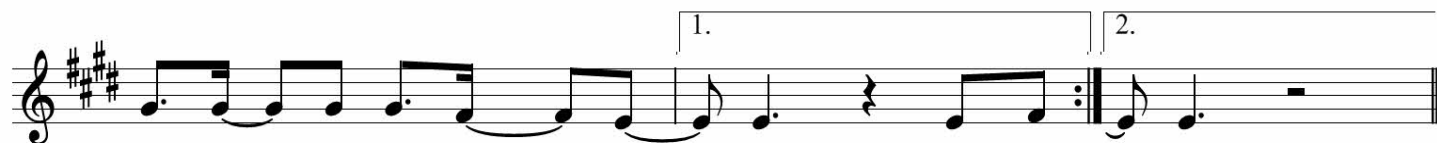
1. There's a
(2. There's a)



cit - y _ that calls me _ by _ name. There's a cit - y _ that calls me _ by _
fu - ture _ that runs through _ my _ veins. There's a fu - ture _ that runs through _ my _



_ name. Yes, as I run _ this race, I _ am cheered by _ the saints. There's a
_ veins. And there's noth - ing _ on earth that _ could stand in _ the way. There's a



cit - y _ that calls me _ by _ name. 1. There's a _ veins.
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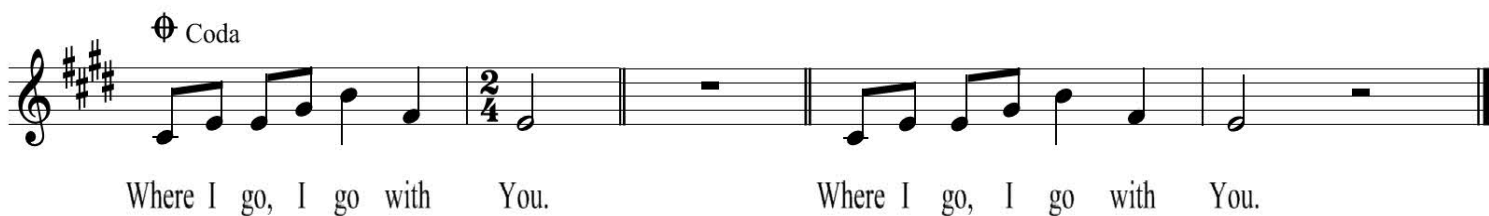
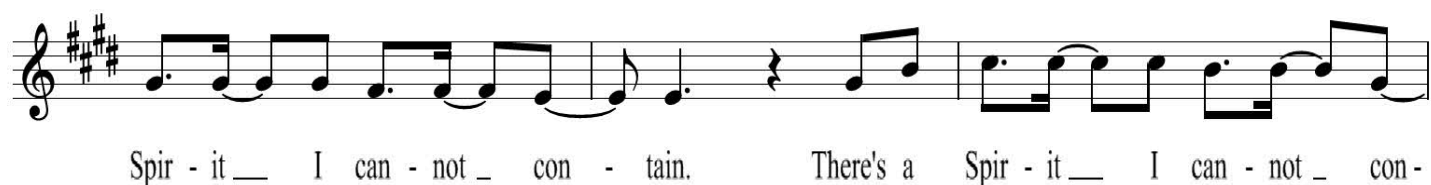
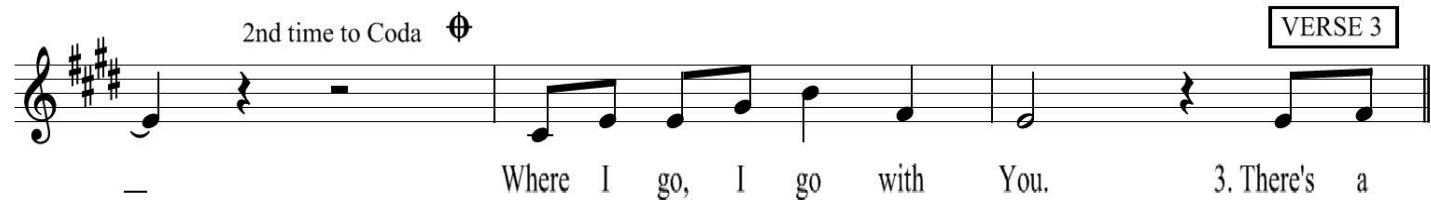
CHORUS



Ev - 'ry - where I go on this road, high and low, where I go, I go with _ You.



So I won't be a - fraid,



Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday,
August 3rd

First Reading:	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm:	Psalm 49:1-12
Second Reading:	Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel:	Luke 12:13-21

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