

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

**THEME:** It's a radical thing to have a Deity who rests. In this rest, commanded by God, we are invited to enjoy what God has made.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**We seek to abide in Christ.**

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**We long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, and productive.**

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**We strive to be faithful disciples.**

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly!**

## GATHERING SONG

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

***REFRAIN: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;***

***I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,***

***Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.***

***To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.***

***Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy REFRAIN***

***Holy, holy, holy (repeat 3 times)***

***I want to see you***

***(Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;***

***I want to see You, I want to see You.)***

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Loving, creative God, we praise and bless you for your mighty acts of creation.**

**Jesus gave to the disciples words of encouragement about living in your love, and being**

**witnesses to the whole world of your peace and hope. Be with us this day as we open our**

**hearts and minds to receive your word. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 2:1-3

Pew Bible Old Testament Page 2

*Spark Story Bible* Page 7

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

### SERMON HYMN

*Jesus Loves Me*

#595

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

**REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. REFRAIN**

**Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. REFRAIN**

## 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 CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

#742

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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FRIENDS	OBEY	LOVE	FRUIT
DOWN	BUSINESS	BEAR	MASTER
LAY	FATHER	LIFE	REMAIN
SERVANTS	GREATER	COMMAND	CHOSE



Love One Another