



So the Lord said to Jacob, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." – Genesis 28:15

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 27, 2025 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Ayre"

George Frideric Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 85)*

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak to his people,
to his faithful who turn to him in their hearts.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and justice will look down from the sky.

**The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

*HYMN #8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all, we come before you to ask for your mercy. You try to find righteousness among your people, but you are often found wanting. We ignore your commandments. We turn a blind eye to people in need. We fail to follow you in ways of justice, mercy, and love. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Open our hearts and minds to know your will. Do not give up on us, but instead raise us up to live and act as a chosen people, so that the world and all who are in it may turn to you, the God of our salvation.

SILENT PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 11:1-13

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“Here Is Love”

Joseph Martin

Sue Andersen – Soprano

*Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness, as the flood.
When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven’s eternal days.
On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened, deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And God’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.
Grace and love like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And God’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.
Here is love, vast as the ocean. Here is love, wide as the sea.
Here is love, Here is love, Here is love.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 18:16-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Hard Bargain”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from, *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

What do we believe?

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments. we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #606 “Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow”*

*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.*

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #396

“Brethren We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Mike Clawson & Wayne Tillman
Greeter: Carol Vealey
Welcome Table: Rosalee Rockafellow
Liturgist: Sarah Henry
Acolyte: Penny Nemrow

*The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Jenny Meekins in loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. Gene Ensley in honor of their anniversary on July 28th.*

**As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone
before our worship service begins.**

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