

**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**June 1, 2025**

**GATHERING:** *God invites us to enter His presence*

**PRELUDE**

*Sing Praise to God  
The Lord's My Shepherd*

*Smith  
Kendall*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** *(Time for Silent Preparation)*



**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

*Bonnie Mecaughey*

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.  
**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**  
Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.  
**He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**  
Come now, all who thirst,  
**and drink the water of life.**  
Come now, all who hunger,  
**and be filled with good things.**  
Come now, all who seek,  
**and be warmed by the fire of love.**



**INVOCATION** *(Responsively)*

*Bonnie Mecaughey*

O LORD, God of Israel,  
there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath,  
keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants  
who walk before you with all their heart.  
Blessed be the LORD,  
who has given rest to his people Israel  
according to all that he promised;  
not one word has failed of all his good promise,  
which he spoke through his servant Moses.  
**The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors;  
may he not leave us or abandon us, but incline our hearts to him,  
to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments,  
his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors.**

—1 Kings 8:23, 56-58, NRSV



**OPENING SONG** *All My Boast is in Jesus (See Screen)*

**CONFESSING:** *God invites us to be honest with Him*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Bonnie Mecaughey*

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves  
about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others.  
In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsively)*

Bonnie Mecaughey

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,  
**yet too often we practice pride.**  
You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,  
**yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities.**  
You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,  
**yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.**  
You freely forgave and healed,  
**yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.**  
You lived a perfectly holy life,  
**yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.**  
You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,  
**yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.**  
You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,  
**yet too often we deny you.**  
You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,  
**yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.**  
Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

## TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bonnie Mecaughey

This is the message we have heard from God  
and proclaim to you,  
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.  
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.  
—from 1 John 1:5, 7, NRSV

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### GLORIA PATRI

*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.  
A-men, A-men*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You*  
**All: And also with you**

**OFFERING:** *Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him*

**INVITATION**    Freely you have received, freely give.  
—Matthew 10:8, NIV

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**            *Just As I Am*  
                                  *(Flute – Pamela Johnson)*

Bradbury

## DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way.  
Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care.  
As we contribute to the needs of your people,  
we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## PREPARATION HYMN 501     *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

**PROCLAIMING:** *God speaks to us through His Work*

**SCRIPTURE READING**     *John 15:9-17*

<sup>9</sup> *"As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.*

<sup>11</sup> *"I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.*

<sup>12</sup> *"This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master<sup>[a]</sup> is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.*

<sup>17</sup> *"This is what I command you: Love one another.*

**SERMON**     *"Servants to Friends"*  
Rev. Tim Latham

## **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE 435**    *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

**RESPONDING:** *We respond to God's Word*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** *(Apostle's Creed, In Unison)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

**COMMISSIONING:** *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*


 **COMMISSION SONG**    *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*

**BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sing and Rejoice*

*Smith*

 *Please stand if you are able.*