

July 31, 2022  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
**10 A.M.**

# THE Gathering

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## GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Song    Amazed

Confession and Forgiveness

A wind from God blew over the face of the waters,  
**And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush.**

Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,  
**And the Spirit of God, like little flames, rested on all who gathered.**

So God's Spirit moves among us this day.

**Let us worship God.**

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**Huddled in fear of what others will think, of what others will do, of what God will do.**

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**Making fun of what we do not understand, tearing down what is sacred to another,  
waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Always God is with us:

**Nudging us like a gentle breeze, stirring us with flames of hope, speaking to us with  
words engraved in our hearts.**

In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.

*(silence)*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

**We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.**

Worship Song    Oceans

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

Reading Galatians 5:13-15

Dave Neumeister

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out – in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

Reading Luke 10:25-28

Dave Neumeister

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

Sermon Pastor Bonnie Gerber

Worship Song What Have I Done?

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church.

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations.

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Renew us at your table of mercy.

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **MEAL AND SENDING**

### Words of Institution

Loving God, you unite us through the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and give us equal access to this forgiveness and new life found in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In this sacrament, may we believe in the love and new life that we've been given from you.

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.

## Prayer

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Offering

*We continue to give thanks for your faithful giving. If you are worshiping in person, the offering basket is on the table by the entrance doors. You may also continue to give online (e-Giving tab on website) or by mailing or bringing your offering to the church office.*

## Ignite Faith Together

**VISITORS** – If you are visiting with us today, we warmly welcome you! And, we ask that you complete the visitor information form found inside your bulletin. You can drop it in the offering plate at the doors as you leave today.

## Worship Song All the People Said Amen

## Blessing and Dismissal

As you enter a new week, may you experience God's presence. May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips, over your hearts and your feelings and emotions and your compassion for all others, and over your hands and your feet as you put into action all that God commands you. During this week, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

Go in peace, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do good works.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sympathies are expressed to Jim and Joanna Huffer on the death of their son-in-law, Rusty Thomas, on July 22.

Prayers:

Betty Schuette, Kathy Jones, Diane Dammeyer, Dean and Carole Miller, Bob and Brigitte McKay, David Quist family, Kinzley Schmehl, Donna Crossman, Jeff Snyder, Lucille Buller, Russ Wheeler, Gloria Mortinger, John Moneysmith, Ralph Podas, Bob Duff, Ron and Peg Margello, Charlene Friedley, Marcia Bollinger, Donna Peltomaa, Rick Meister, Neal Scharrer, Richard Crawford, Lorraine Jurgensen, Marilyn Swisher, Tim Buikema (Don and Paula Baur's son-in-law), Olivia Maynard (Sandy Weides' granddaughter), Marion Dengg and Gloria Paolillo (Mona Deringer's sisters), Duane Pride (Doug Pride's brother), Eileen Hurless and Myra Hurless (Marcie Edgell's sister and niece), Dean Wheeler (Russ Wheeler's nephew), Carol Hauzie (Craig Hauzie's mother), Amanda Glassburn (Betty Schuette's granddaughter), Sam Walters (Sue Wolford's brother), Bruce and Mary Maurer (Nancy Hellickson's friends), Debbie Vanover (Sherry Buckley's sister), Gary Jones (Kay Labosky's brother), Chris Isaac (son of Paul and Susan Isaac, former members), Pasha Majdi (Steve and Jayne Rosandich's nephew-in-law), Tim Schwaderer (Andrea Ochall's brother), Alex Burrell (Marj Ellis' and Marchelle O'Grady's nephew), Patti Bramson (Rick Kolloff's sister), Cynamon Iden (Lauren Grangaard's cousin), Carol Keplinger (Charlene Friedley's daughter)

Missionaries: John Rogers (Bratislava, Slovakia), Rev. David and Alicia Brondos (Mexico City, Mexico)

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