

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are happy to have you with us today!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass the ritual of Friendship

*GREETING (With One Another)

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist, Kathy McFarland

Loving God, as we worship you today, do not let our hearts be as hard as stone, but make us soft and pliable as clay. Do not let our minds be armored as a fortress but make us as open as an archway. Do not let us cling to preconceived assumptions, but relax our hands to let go of all to which we grasp. Set us free to hold whatever you might send us. May we not be like rocks, unaffected by the flowing river and unconnected to its source. Instead, may we flow with your Spirit as a fallen leaf floats lightly on the surface of a stream. Amen.

(Jeffrey W. Cornwell, altered)

*OPENING HYMN

"Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

No. 2271

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Jesus Loves Me"

No. 191

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-28

PSALTER

Psalm 1

Response #2

No. 738

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5: 9-13

GOSPEL READING

John 17: 6-26

SERMON

"Prayed for By Jesus"

Rev. Chuck Layton

HYMN

"Walk with Me"

No. 2242

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

No. 94

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

No. 2241

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lori Nelson, organist

*Please stand if you are able

We are happy you are with us today!!
Please sign the **attendance registration** pad located in the pew racks.

- * Our prayer chain is available to any who have needs or concerns. We will pray with you and for you. Fill out a prayer request form located in the pew or contact the church office at 235-7088. All prayer requests will be sent out by email.
- * Our Nursery and Cry Room are not currently open.
- * The service is recorded on DVD each week and is available to anyone who requests it. If you know of someone who is unable to attend services and would like to receive a DVD or an audio CD, please contact the church office, 235-7088.

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