

LITURGY OF THE WORD

JULY 27, 2025 ☞ 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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PIANO PRELUDE

Spirit

– James K. Manley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Curtis

PRAYER OF LAMENT

Psalms of Lament, Ann Weems

One: O God, I am struggling to survive, preoccupied with dismal thoughts that will not let me go. My blood pressure climbs, and I have aches and pains that have no cause except my broken heart.

Many: **Why have you turned your back on me, O God? I have nowhere to turn if not to you. Break your silence and speak to me...**

(silent prayer)

PLEA FOR PEACE

One: O God, on the wings of dawn you come to my house, bringing peace in the palm of your hand.

Many: **You open my eyes. You stand in my doorway and invite me to your house. O God, you are my peace. Amen.**

* OPENING HYMN

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

#14, vv. 1 & 4

* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Terri Harper

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin'dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN

Seek Ye First

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 10: 38 – 42

Pew Bible, NT, p. 72

SERMON

The Most Important Thing

Mary Culberson

PIANO INTERLUDE

Seek Ye First

– Karen Lafferty

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Bobbie Johanson

VIOLIN OFFERTORY

Eleonora Wiser

* DOXOLOGY

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Feasting on the Word

One: God, we give today in thankfulness and with the assurance that anything we give will contribute to the continuing growth of your kin'dom in the world.

Many: Give us wisdom as a church, so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word and the service of your people. In the name of the One that gave us everything we are and have. Amen.

PRAYER PRACTICE

Anna Citrino

* CLOSING HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

#259

* BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE

Living God

– Daniel Iverson

Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Time in the Bell Tower Courtyard.

WORSHIP LEADERS



Ushers	Ellen Jordan & Kathy Matthies
Piano	J. Althea
Liturgists	Bob Curtis, Bobbie Johanson Terri Harper & Anna Citrino
Preacher	Mary Culberson
Special Music	Eleonora Wiser
Song Leader	Andy DelMonte
Tech Team	Henry Allen & Tamar Knuth
Chancel Flowers	Muriel Weaver

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Associate Minister	Open
Congregational Administrator	Joy Richards
Choral Director	Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Bookkeeper	Deanna Euritt
Custodian	Keith Brown



Our mission is to worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ,
teaching the message of Jesus to all ages and putting our faith into action.



An Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ,
we welcome and affirm people of every religious background,
sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability,
ethnicity, age, and gender identity and expression.



A sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.



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