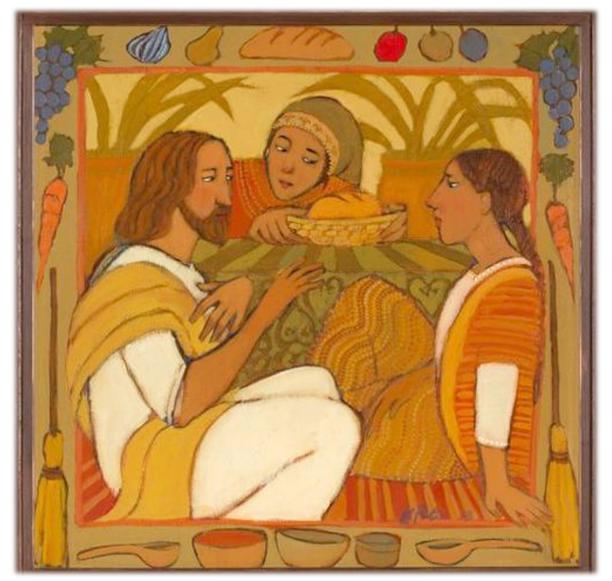
LITURGY OF THE WORD

JULY 27, 2025 SO 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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 #354

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

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!

* 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.







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

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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.

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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.

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A sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.

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