

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion

Constitution Sunday



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**If you are new** to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome enter or in the pew rack in front of you.

**Childcare is available:** During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

**Restrooms are located** to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

**Following the service** we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

### PRELUDE

Air

Gerre Hancock

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

### GATHERING HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

**C** **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!  
How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;** Refrain

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"** Refrain

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

### MISSION MOMENT

#### ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

- P** Let us pray together...
- C** **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain **Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

**With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.** Refrain

**Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.** Refrain

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray... Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**G Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Micah 6:1–8 • Psalm 19:7–14 • 1 Timothy 2:1–6 • Matthew 5:43–48

*[Please be seated.]*

The First Reading:

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Micah, chapter 6...*

Hear what the Lord is saying: Arise, lay out the lawsuit before the mountains; let the hills hear your voice! Hear, mountains, the lawsuit of the Lord! Hear, eternal foundations of the earth! The Lord has a lawsuit against his people; with Israel he will argue.

“My people, what did I ever do to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! I brought you up out of the land of Egypt; I redeemed you from the house of slavery. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam before you. My people, remember what Moab's King Balak had planned, and how Balaam answered him! Remember everything from Shittim to Gilgal, that you might learn to recognize the righteous acts of the Lord!”

With what should I approach the Lord and bow down before God on high? Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings, with year-old calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with many torrents of oil? Should I give my oldest child for my crime; the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit?

He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 19: [Tune: O God, Our Help]

**God's law is perfect, giving life, Reviving weary souls;  
The testimonies of our God Are true for all to hold.**

**The statutes of the Lord are just And give the heart delight;  
The precepts God provides are clear And give the eyes new sight.**

**Lord, keep me from presumptuous sins Nor let them rule my soul;  
Then I shall not commit great wrongs, I shall be sound and whole.**

**May all my words and all my thoughts, My Lord, Redeemer, might,  
Find favor now and always win Acceptance in your sight.**

The Second Reading:

℣ The Second Reading is taken from 1 Timothy, chapter 2...

First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. This is right and it pleases God our savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the human Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a payment to set all people free. This was a testimony that was given at the right time.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION**

*O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

632, vs. 1,2

*[Please stand.]*

℣ **O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.**

The Gospel:

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☞ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ [Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, *You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

Cindy Roehl

*[Please be seated.]*

**SERMON HYMN**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

*[Please stand.]*

***Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.***

Refrain

***Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

***He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
His truth is marching on.*** Refrain

***In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on.*** Refrain

## THE NICENE CREED

**AI** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you choose.]*

**D** Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:

**L** Father of all, let all the world be saved through your Son. Let our president, and all rulers and authorities, seek and see your kingdom so that peace may reign in our time.

**C** **As your Son taught us, we pray for our enemies.**

**L** God of the Prophets, we thank you for calling all people to be righteous, justifying us with the free gift of your grace. Let this parish be a place where your testimony is received, where guests find a welcome, and where all are born anew of the Spirit.

**C** **Give strength to your church as together, trusting in you and supporting each other, we proclaim your kingdom with our lives.**

**L** Restoring God, there are many who may feel lost or even condemned as they endure trouble and illness. We ask for your healing to lift up and comfort [*names in notebook*] and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts [*leave time ...*], as well as all others who suffer.

**C** **God of Light and Life, help us to be the answer to the prayers of those who cry out to you.**

- ℣ Lord God, we give you thanks for the blessings we received from your hand each day, especially... [*read items from notebook*] and for the flowers given today. Let us rejoice in the knowledge that all good gifts around us come from your loving hand.
- ☞ **We ask for one more thing, Holy God: give us grateful hearts.**

- ℣ Lord of Eternal Life, we ask your mercy on all those who have died, especially ... [*names in notebook*] and those on our hearts this morning that we bring to you, silently or aloud [*leave time*]. Let your grace and power give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist.
- ☞ **We ask also that your comfort and strength surround all who grieve, whether their loss is new and raw, or has been a painful reality for many years.**

- ℣ Bless us to be a blessing.
- ℣ **Holy Spirit, fill our hearts this day and every day so that we live our lives in ways that honor your image in us, our baptism in you, and our connection with each other. Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[*Please stand or kneel.*]

- ℣ Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*] God of all mercy...
- ☞ **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**
- ℣ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- ☞ **Amen.**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

- ℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☞ **And also with you.** [*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*]

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ℣ O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with hearts full of thanksgiving.

### OFFERTORY

[*Please be seated.*]

## PRESENTATION

*[Please stand when the plates are given to the Deacon.]*

- We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

***Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living,  
you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.***

***God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor  
we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.***

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [Prayer C]

- The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

- Lift up your hearts.

☩ **We lift them to the Lord.**

- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

☩ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

- At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

☩ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

- But still we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

☩ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**



**P** Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**AI** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

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*[Please stand or kneel.]*

**P** Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**C** **Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.**

**Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;**

**P** Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.

**AI** **AMEN.**

**P** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**AI** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**P** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**G** **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

FRACTION

*We Come Expecting Jesus*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 7/7 time. The lyrics are: "We come ex-pec-ting Je - sus to meet us in this place. We come ex-pec-ting to re - ceive his mer - cy and his grace. When we eat the bread and drink the wine, it's a ho - ly mo - ment in time. We come ex-pec-ting Je - sus to meet us in this place."

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.**

**CHANT***Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

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*[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]*

**☩ Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.**

***Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.***

***Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.***

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER***[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]***P** Let us pray...

**A** **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING***[Please stand.]*

**P** The Abba of the Christ, the Beloved of the Father, and the Comforter sent from Heaven: the one and only Eternal God, embraces you, walks with you, and gives you life. Go from this place blessed in the name of the Lord Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**☩ Amen.****SENDING HYMN***My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

717, vs. 1,2,4

**A** ***My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring.***

***My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.***

***Our fathers' God, to thee author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.***

**THE DISMISSAL****D** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**☩ Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE***Psalm 19*

B. Marcello

## **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte	Joe Nixon
Chalicians	Chris Schombs Michelle Schombs
Lectors	Linda Thies Jerry Mullinax
Prayers of the People	Michelle Schombs
Prayer Team	Butch Niford Diane Niford
Greeters	Mary Ratliff Nancy Fisher
Ushers	Terry Eldridge Indra Eldridge
Welcome Center	Bruce Fahnestock
Coffee Hosts	Bodacious Brotherhood Brunch
Building & Grounds	Bob Roehl