

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 5, 2025

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

**Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed**

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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

**A gentle Reminder:** Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated.*

### ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

#### THE FIRST READING

Lamentations 1:1-6

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Lamentations chapter 1...*

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude;  
 she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place;  
 her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.  
 The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;  
 all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.  
 Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper,  
 because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions;  
 her children have gone away, captives before the foe.  
 From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty.  
 Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture;  
 they fled without strength before the pursuer.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Lamentations 3:19-26

*Lector*        *We will read responsively from Lamentations chapter 3...*

*Lector*        The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!

*People*        **My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.**

*Lector*        But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

*People*        **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
 his mercies never come to an end;**

*Lector*        they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*People*        **"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."**

*Lector*        The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

*People*        **It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

## THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy...*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Celebrant*    The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Please be seated.*

The Rev. Whitney Burton

## NICENE CREED

*Please stand as able.*

*People*        **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 worshipped 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 sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Lector* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; Resurrection Episcopal, Largo; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.  
God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given for the glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Ally Fisher, Nancy Vallely, Sandra Powers, Kam McDaniel, and Michael Lloveras. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. *(Pause.)* We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*People* **AMEN.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE BLESSING OF OCTOBER'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Please be seated.*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Celebrant says a proper preface*

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*People*        **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand, as you choose.*

*Celebrant*    All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*        **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People* **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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION

Reflection on KINGSFOLD

Maureen Howell

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant announces the blessing.*

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Theodore Dubois  
(1837 – 1924)

### **SERVING US TODAY**

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Celebrant             | The Rev. Whitney Burton |
| Organist              | Tom Huffman             |
| Crucifer/Chalicer     | Tony Bowman             |
| Lector                | Edward Hopwood          |
| Prayers of the People | Tony Bowman             |
| Ushers                | Bill and Mary Lasko     |



### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR**

Mandeville P, Mavis S, Enez P, Sean E, Dan D and family, Rita W, Sonny, Mary Ann W, Ed S and family, Maureen B, Helen Marie, Michelle S, Bonnie S, Gloria S, Bill G, Priscilla B, Indra E, the people of Ukraine, Jim T, Mark and Maryellen, and Kam M.



### **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:**

**Birthdays** – Ally Fisher, Nancy Vallely, Sandra Powers, Kam McDaniel, and Michael Lloveras

**Anniversary** – Scott and Diane Hood

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Blessing of the Animals** – will be this afternoon at 4 PM in the courtyard. We are collecting items for Second Chance for Strays.

**Rector's Discretionary Fund** – all loose cash in today's collection will go toward supporting those in need in our community.

**Murder Mystery Party** – who will solve the crime? Sign up for a fun evening of costumes and intrigue by Friday, October 10. Characters will be assigned and the mystery will unfold on Friday, October 24 from 6 to 9 PM. \$10, Childcare will be available.

**Game Night** – will not be meeting this Friday. See you in November!

**Quilters and Crafters Sale** – Saturday, October 11 from 10-3 PM and Sunday October 12 from 9-2 PM. Proceeds and donations will support Pack-a-Sack. Quilt Raffle Tickets for this season's Pack-a-Sack Raffle quilt, Sleigh Bells, will be available beginning Oct 11. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Stop by the COGS Crafters' table in the breezeway on Sundays to purchase your tickets.

**Book Club** – will meet on Sunday, October 12 at 11:30 in the Patio Room to discuss *the Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong. New participants are always welcome.

**Youth Group** – next Sunday, October 12 at 11:30 AM in the Youth Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). All middle and high school students are welcome for games, fellowship, and lunch.

**Dunedin Cares Collection** – will be sent on October 19. Consider donating dry goods such as pasta, beans, rice, and personal care supplies such as toothpaste and laundry detergents.

**Cursillo Meeting** – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday which will be October 19 after both services.

**Concert at St. Alfred's**– 4 PM on Sunday, October 19 at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church in Palm Harbor. Music for Cello and Organ will be a tribute to local organists Robert Shone and Mark Prater who died recently.

**Soul Sisters meeting** – Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in Kirk Hall. Our speaker will be Lee Catalfomo, President of the Francis Wilson Playhouse. Lee will present a short history of the Playhouse and discuss the current schedule of plays for the 2025-2026 year. All members of the parish are invited to Mr. Catalfomo's presentation. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Christmas cards** – Now collecting cards for our card ministry. Religious Christmas cards are preferred. Bring them with you to worship on Sunday or during weekday church office hours.