



# CHURCH ON THE AVENUE

St. Luke's, Hampden

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

## WELCOME & INSTRUCTION

*Participants are invited to respond with the text in bold type.*

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, the ✚ Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## RITE OF CONFESSION

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

Loving God, we have turned against you.

**By our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have broken our relationship with you and with each other.** *Breathe*

Gracious God, when you showed us love, we have thought and spoken poorly of our neighbors. *Breathe*

God of Abundance, when you provided for our needs, we ignored the needs of others and often justified our wants. *Breathe*

Consoling God, when you said "do not be afraid," we allowed fear to fester, giving birth to anger and hatred of the other. *Breathe*

Empowering God, when you made us caretakers of the earth, we hurt your creation with our greed and selfishness. *Breathe*

Merciful God, often we do not recognize our own sinfulness though we are quick to point out the sinfulness of others; *Breathe*

God of Compassion, at times, we believe we are unforgiveable and we do not trust in the capacity of your Spirit. *Breathe*

Redeeming God, **Forgive us, transform us, empower us by your grace. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGII, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING | Ezekiel 2:1-5

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 123

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift <sup>1</sup> up my eyes,  
to you enthroned <sup>1</sup> in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand <sup>1</sup> of her mistress,**  
**so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show <sup>1</sup> us your mercy. R**

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough <sup>1</sup> of contempt,

<sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the in- <sup>1</sup> dolent rich,**  
**and of the derision <sup>1</sup> of the proud. R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Alleluia

ELW 175

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## GOSPEL READING | Mark 6:1-13

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

God is with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!"<sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."<sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.<sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.<sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.<sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.<sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.<sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.<sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE |**

*Rev. Jim Muratore*

**BREAKOUT QUESTIONS**

- In what ways have you experienced rejection when sharing your faith or sharing something important to you? How has that experience informed you about yourself and the world?
- How might Jesus' instructions to the disciples relate to the ministry we are called to together in this time and place?

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. We pray for Bob and Jeanette, Rob and Scott, Sharon and Erick, Ron and Beryl, Amanda, Rosha and Ron, Nan, Amelia, Matt and Kelly, Michael, Noah, Landis, Trish, Roman, Pam, Jim, Charles, Joe, Katie and for all whom we now name.... In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed Allen "Buddy" Fite. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

*Offering may be made electronically on the church's website at [www.churchontheavenuehampden.org](http://www.churchontheavenuehampden.org). You can also sign up for automated giving. See announcements at the end of the bulletin.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

### **COMMUNION**

*The assembly is invited to stand in body or spirit.*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



[P] The Lord is here

[A] God's Spir - it is with us

[P] Let us lift up our hearts

[A] We lift them to our God

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

[A] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, O God, our Father and Mother,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.


**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ ✠  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is  
yours Almighty God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.



And so we have this meal. Simplicity and mystery bound together. And though we cannot fully comprehend its meaning, we share, we remember and we trust in the promise of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

**Blessed be God forever!**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Communion is served by way of intinction. Come forward in a counter clockwise circle. Hand sanitizer is available at the altar for your use. Receive the bread in your hand and dip into the cup. The clay chalices are filled with grapes juice, and the metal chalices are filled with wine. The second station of chalices is reserved for gluten free recipients. If you wish not to receive you are welcome to remain seated or come forward with crossed arms to receive a blessing. ALL are welcome to come and receive without exception.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS**

Sign up to volunteer in the thrift store over the summer! If you've never volunteered before, you can speak with Pastor Jim after service, or connect with one of the many volunteers who have. We'd love to have you join the team!

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING | Thursday, 7:00 pm**

### **SECOND ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER | TBA**

Planning for the second annual Spaghetti dinner has begun. If you are able and willing to help with planning, please connect with Esteban Caballero or Kelly Hudak!

### **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUDDY FITE**

Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 10-noon viewing, 12 pm memorial service at Burgee-Henss-Seitz Funeral Home, 3631 Falls Road. Rev. Michael Dubsy, former pastor of St. Luke's will preside.

**COME AND SEE!!!** So much is going on here at St. Luke's Church on the Avenue, please visit our website to view the calendar and explore links to activities happening every day! Visit us at [www.churchontheavenuehampden.org](http://www.churchontheavenuehampden.org) or by scanning the QR Code below.

**Thank you** for your continued generosity! You can make a one-time or recurring gift at anytime through the church's giving portal. Links can be found on the church website at <http://www.churchontheavenuehampden.org>. or by scanning the QR Code below.



## BENEDICTION

God is with you! **And also with you!**

May God bless you and keep.

May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you

May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN | How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn.



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**