

# 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST JULY 4, 2021

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements Brice Smith

\*Greeting One Another in Jesus' Name

\*Gathering #728 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"  
NATIONAL HYMN

\*Call to Worship *The City of God*

The Lord God is wonderful!

**God deserves all praise in the city where he lives.**

His holy mountain, beautiful and majestic, brings joy to all on earth.

**Mount Zion, truly sacred, is home for the Great King.**

God is there to defend it and has proved to be its protector.

**We had heard about God's presence, and now we have seen it in the city of our God, the Lord All-Powerful.**

The City of God will let stand forever.

**Our God, here in your temple we think about your love.**

You are famous and praised everywhere on earth, as you win victories with your powerful arm.

**Mount Zion will celebrate, and all Judah will be glad, because the Lord brings justice.**

Let's walk around Zion and count its towers. We will see its strong walls and visit each fortress. Then we can say to future generations,

**"Our God is like this forever and will always guide us."**

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\*Opening Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

\*Songs of Praise #731 "My Country, Tis of Thee" AMERICA  
#730 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" BATTLE HYMN

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Song of Faith #34 "Doxology" OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication: What we do with your wealth is a measure of trust in you, O God. Receive these gifts, this expression of faith and devotion. Bless, consecrate, and multiply it, for we would proclaim your reign by our speech, our prayers, our thoughts, and our actions, in Jesus' name.

Offertory Special Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

\*The Gospel Mark 6:1-13

Children's Message (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message "Strong at the Broken Places"  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord's Table** – We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold out your hands in a cup to receive the bread and cup. Hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For

Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

**Communion Hymn #699 “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

**Holy Communion: The Lord’s Supper –**

**Breaking of Bread –** *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

**Passing of the Cup –** *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

**WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE**

**\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship –** If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\* Hymn #727 “America, the Beautiful”** *MATERNA*

**\*Spoken Benediction** The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

**\*Postlude** \*Please stand if able

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD**

– Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer’s Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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