

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Opening Song #** "Come We that Love the Lord"

***Call to Worship:**

Come to God, who has raised Jesus from the dead.

This same God gives life to your mortal bodies.

Our Creator lives among us.

The Holy Spirit dwells within us.

The Word of God is your promised heritage.

The light of Christ will show you the path to joy.

The Spirit of God is the source of our life.

Let us incline our hearts to our eternal God.

Set your minds on the things of the Spirit.

For to do so is to have life and peace.

Accept our offering of praise, O Lord,

Give us like according to your Word!

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***Opening Prayer**

Song of Faith "Living Hope" **Worship Team**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Fran Seymour Hunter

The First Reading **Genesis 25:19-34**

The Second Reading **Romans 8:1-11**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

***Responsorial (Stand) # 473** "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" *CLOSER WALK*

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (No Children's Church – Summer Recess)

Announcements, Prayers of the People 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Hear the Apostle's words in Romans 4:13 again: "***It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.***" It is not through giving, tithing, or keeping the moral code that we are made right with God; rather, it is by trusting the Lord, His goodness, and his promises to guard and guide all areas of our lives – past, present, and future – that faith comes alive. Let us give as an act of faith, obedient to the Lord's teachings.

Offertory

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

"What it means to hear and understand"

The Reverend Traci Ulbright Brown, Chaplain

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND 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 (Stand) # 28** "To God Be the Glory" *TO GOD TO THE GLORY*

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

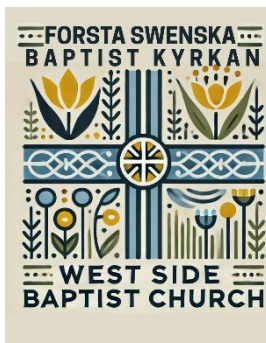
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

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 or come forward at a congregation meeting. 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.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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