



Seventh Sunday after Easter

May 17, 2026 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "God of Grace, God of Glory" Paul Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you.

All: Receive our invitation to dwell with us.

One Enfold us in your presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery.

All: We gather to celebrate your love and proclaim your grace!

*GATHERING HYMN "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!" #257 vv.1-3

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus! Yours the scepter, yours the throne!

Alleluia! Yours the triumph, yours the victory alone!

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus, out of every nation you've redeemed us by your blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! You are near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Through the cloud from sight received you when the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget your promise, "I am with you evermore."

Alleluia! Bread of angels, you on earth our food, our stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

And the songs that sound in heaven will repeat your gracious plea.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1)

Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure.

Forgive us our anxiety in these troubled days,

And empower in us your vision for a just and loving life in community.

Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit,

your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours.

Grant us courage to share in Christ's teachings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. (silent confession)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As the Body of Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses. Therefore, let us share the Good News of Christ, that we may all be one.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" #236

New Century Hymnal (repeat once)

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-14 Pew Bible pp.884-885

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "Spirit of the Living God" #283 *(repeat once)*
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY "All Praise to Thee"

Paul Manz

(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" *The Hymnal* #15)

Praise God, the Giver and the Gift,

Hearts, minds and voices now uplift, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the breath of glad surprise, Freeing, uplifting, opening eyes.


Three-In-Oneness, Love Communing, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION


SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "Go to the World" #295 *Glory to God Hymnal*



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune on "Amsterdam" Jerry Westenkuehler

Worship Endnotes:

1. Adapted from www.ucc.org/worship-ways

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