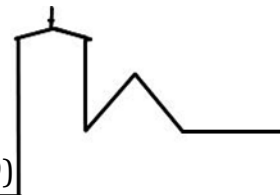


6th Sunday After Pentecost

(Proper 9)



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Song of Peace

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to our creator in songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and a gift of healing. Help us to know and love you with all that we are, so that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we place our hope and trust. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA Hymn 567

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

***PSALM 45**

How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

1 How our hearts with joy a-bound, with your beau-ty all a-round;
2 Fair-er still than hu-man frame, ev-er to our eyes the same,
3 Yours the scep-ter, yours the throne; you to us are God a-lone.

words are fee-ble to ex-press your great love and righ-teous-ness.
stead-fast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.
Vast the mer-cies to us given: wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.

Though it may have originated as a royal marriage ode, Psalm 45 has come to be understood in both Jewish and Christian traditions as having messianic overtones, and it is quoted that way in Hebrews 1:8-9. This 20th-century paraphrase skillfully maintains that double application.

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GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT

7.7.7

EPISTLE: Romans 7:15-25

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*UNISON*) (Adopted by the 1993 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand)

Christ Jesus,
Child of Mary, God with us,
King and Suffering Servant,
High Priest and Lamb of God,

Teacher and Word,
living, suffering, dying, and rising again,
you challenge, redeem, and restore us.

Holy Spirit,
Breath of life,
Counselor and Comforter,
Fire of God,
you inspire, sustain, and purify us.

Forming us in the nature of Christ,
transforming us with your gifts,
you bind us together as one body, your church.

God of all creation,
made known to us in Jesus Christ through the
Holy Spirit,
your boundless love exposes our rebellion
and greed.

A mother who will not abandon her child,
a father who welcomes the prodigal home,
you forgive, accept, and embrace us
and call us into loving communion forever.

In life and in death, we belong to you,
everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais



SEALING THE WORD

COMMUNION (*see insert*)

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 252

O Lord, You are My God and King

Jerusalem

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Fanfare (Psalm 81:1-3)

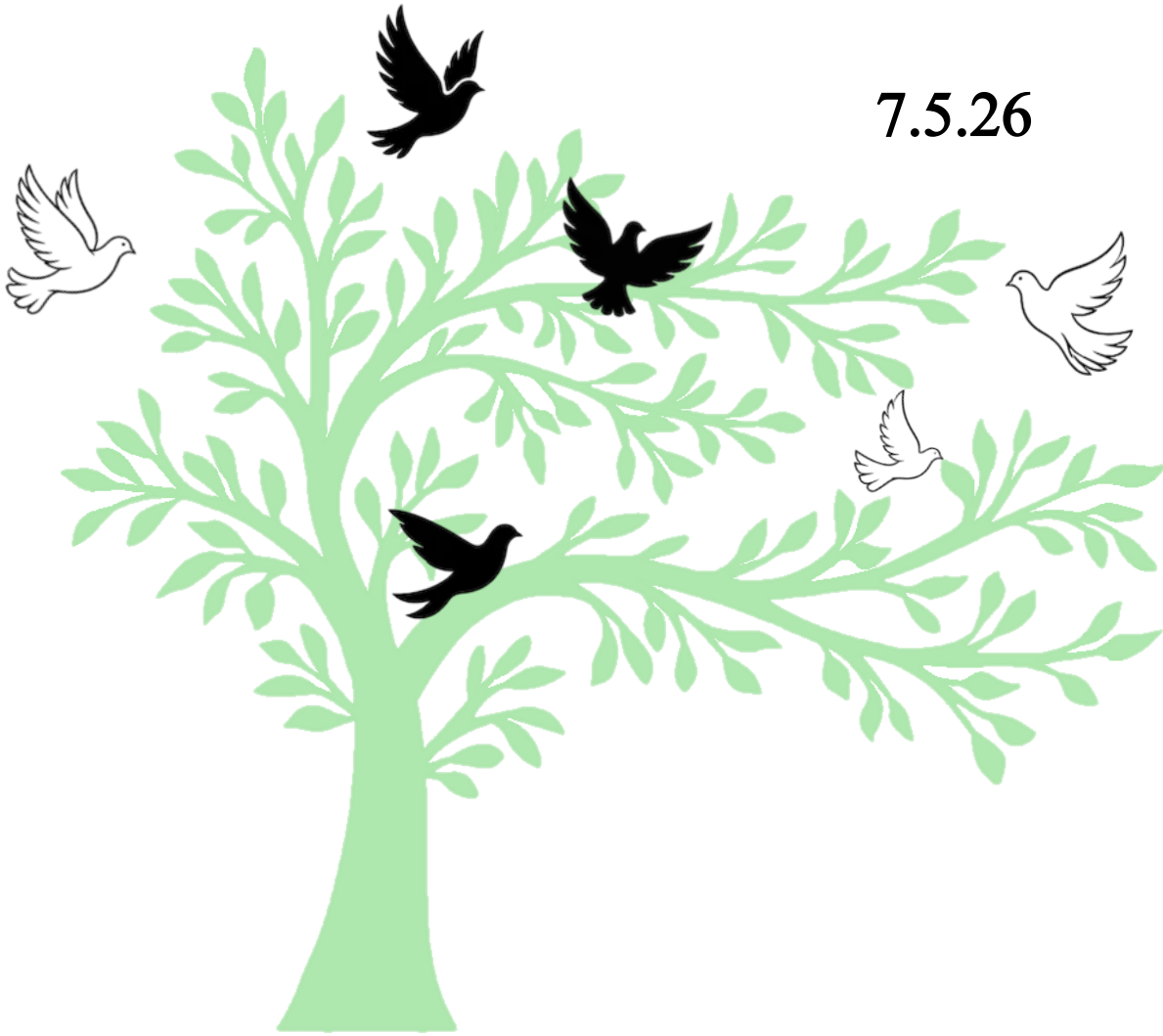
John Cook

“...Blow up the trumpet in the new moon...”

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell
Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

7.5.26



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Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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