

*Doxology, Hymn 607
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication (unison) Teddie McConnell
God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

*Hymn 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SENDING IN GOD’S LOVE

Charge & Benediction Teddie McConnell

Congregational Benediction Response (to the tune of Edelweiss)
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.
Children of God, May you bloom and grow,
Bloom and grow forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever.

Postlude Reggie Berg

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Good Shepherd Staff
Interim Pastor: Rev. Sheri Fry
Guest Preacher/Office Admin: Teddie McConnell
Choir Director: Sara Love
Accompanist: Reggie Berg

Volunteers for the Service:
Sound Booth: David Blount
Liturgist: Fred Finke



A Service for the Lord’s Day
July 18, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Parts of the service in bold are for everyone to speak in unison.
Parts with an asterisk * mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

GATHERING TOGETHER

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal, God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage:
Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, not stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Music Reggie Berg
Welcome Teddie McConnell
Introit Reggie Berg
Call to Worship Liturgist Fred Finke

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house.
Lord, I love your holy habitation, the place where your glory dwells.
All: For the Lord is in the holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before God.
Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.
All: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises!

*Hymn 39 Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Teddie McConnell

Holy One, we commit our actions and resources to the flourishing of our human family, our planet home, and our sacred selves. We mourn for the ways we have lived into the lie of self-sufficiency. We repent for denying our interconnectedness. We have gratitude for the creativity of the Beloved who joins us co-creating the community we truly desire. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Love

Teddie McConnell

How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response of Praise

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Fred Finke

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 23

Fred Finke

Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.



Anthem

Love Grows Here
By Don Besig

Pick up Choir

Second Lesson

John 10:7-10

Teddie McConnell

Sermon

Our Eternal Internal Shepherd

Teddie McConnell

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

Fred Finke

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; who descended into hell, and on the third day rose from the dead; Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Reggie Berg

Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Teddie McConnell

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory

Spirit Song

Sara Love & Reggie Berg

Joys and Concerns

Please pray for Donna's brother, Tom; for Jane S., who was in a car accident and is having heart surgery; for Julie K.'s family; for Gwen T., now home, for Sue C. who has had complications; for Sara L.; for Maxine K; for Mary McCarron's friend, Jonie; for Dawna S.; for Darwin and Shelly Burress' family; for Wava's family; the family of Barb W and of Burton K., who are in memory care; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

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Sermon Musings

Psalm 23

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-Teddie McConnell



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