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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

July 28, 2019

10:00am

7th Sunday After Pentecost

## DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

**Welcome and Greeting**

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

**Gathering Prayer:**

While we deliberate, God reigns;  
when we decide wisely, God reigns;  
when we decide foolishly, God reigns;  
when we serve God in humble loyalty, God reigns;  
when we serve God self-assertively, God reigns;  
when we rebel and seek to withhold our service, God reigns —  
the Alpha and the Omega, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

**Archbishop William Temple**

**Prelude:**

**Call to Worship:**

We are the children of God, learning to walk.

**Day by day, we are learning to be the church.**

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

**God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.**

**Let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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(Prayer Concerns Collected)

## AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

**\*Call to Confession**

The truth about us is this: we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Yet God promises to pour out grace upon us, giving us confidence to show ourselves as we are and be freed from shame. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.

For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we refused to forgive others.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us. Amen.**

**\*Time of Silent Confession****\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

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**Hear the good news!**

**When we were buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. By that power we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal. As we have received Christ Jesus, let us continue to live our lives in him, rooted and built up in him and abounding in thanksgiving.**

**\* Gloria:** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

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**LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:**

**Colossians 2:6-19**

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision,<sup>[c]</sup> by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

### **Luke 11:1-13**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him

whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**Sermon:** “You’ll Get What You Need”

**The Rev. Leslie Latham**

### **RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:**

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Response:** “Seek Ye First”

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### **Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer as a text message:**

**dad@hvn, ur spshl. we want wot u want & urth2b like hvn. giv us food & 4giv r sins lyk we 4giv uvaz. don't test us! save us! bcus we kno ur boss, ur tuf & ur cool 4 eva! ok?**

*Condensed version by Matthew Campbell of York University.*

**Invitation to the Offering:**

As we wait for the coming of God’s good reign, we answer the invitation to take part in God’s work, bringing our tithes and offerings with joyful gratitude.

**Offertory:**

**\*Praising God’s Goodness – Doxology**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

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**Help us to use the gifts you have given us with mercy, love, and wisdom, so that we can continue to honor the trust you have put on us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD****\*Hymn of Sending:** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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**\*Benediction:****\*Postlude:**

\* Those who are able, please stand

**WORSHIP AIDS:**

**Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers. Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church**

**Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.**

**Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.**

**New Prayer Concerns or Joys**

1. Bonnie Zimmer in the death of her husband, Ken.
2. Ruth Gebera at Hospice
3. Bob Palfi is home from hospital

**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** Chuck Sullivan in rehab

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott Greenawalt, Tim, Pat & Bob Erisman, Kris Yettra, Ruth Gebera, Judy Geerkin, Paul Card, Nadia, Joey, Doris Carlson, Bonnie Bringham, Marlene Tyrrell, Deal Kowsky, Bentley, Drew, Peggy Hess, Kyle Donovan, Ken Zimmer, Sue Schurr, Shirley Hagle, and Weber Family.

**Prayers and caring for our homebound: :** Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; and Sue Strasser

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.*

*We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

**LITURGIST:** Sue Schurr

**GREETER:** Mary Ferro

**USHERS:** Team 1

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

**REMINDER:** Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

**Presbyterian Women's Annual Summer Luncheon: Wed., August 7 at 12pm** at the Hide-A-Way Restaurant on Division and Rumboldt in N. Tonawanda. Bring an item for the Silent Auction. Proceeds to benefit the Twin Cities Community Outreach. For more information, see Laura Marohn.

**Summer Concert in the Park-Marla Maertin Memorial Concert:** This concert will take place on Sunday, August 18 at 2pm in the Gazebo at Clinton Park. Stay tuned for more details to follow.

July 2019				AUG 2019		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> Worship 10a	<b>29</b> AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p <b>H4W 6:30p</b>	<b>2</b> UFO 7p	<b>3</b>

August 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> Worship 10a	<b>5</b> AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>6</b> Deacons 1p	<b>7</b> Circle II 9a  PW Summer Luncheon 12p Hide-A-Way Restaurant	<b>8</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p	<b>9</b> UFO 7p	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Worship 10a	<b>12</b> AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Circle II 9a	<b>15</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p	<b>16</b> UFO 7p	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Worship 10a Outdoors Hunger Sunday  Concert in the Park – Marla Maertin Memorial Concert 2p	<b>19</b> AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p  CE Mtg 6p Session 7p	<b>20</b> Memory Lane 10:30a-2:30p	<b>21</b> Circle II 9a  Healing Service 6:30p	<b>22</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p	<b>23</b> UFO 7p	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Worship 10a	<b>26</b> AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Circle II 9a	<b>29</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>30</b> UFO 7p	<b>31</b>