

Sunday, July 7, 2024 – 9:30 am

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

TODAY’S FOCUS: SOLITUDE. Do we have trouble being alone? Do we require the comfort of company? Company is nice, but solitude lets us truly listen for the voice of God.

PRELUDE — Scott Anderson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin

OPENING HYMN TFWS #2128 “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we’re shrinking, find scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other’s pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There’s a place for deepest dreaming, there’s a time for heart to care,
In the spirit’s lively scheming there is always room to spare.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Isabella Presnall

One: From shore to shore —

Many: Let God’s praise be sung.

One: From mountains high to valleys low —

Many: Let the echo of praise resound.

One: From the mouths of children and the prayers of all —

Many: Let thanksgiving abound.

One: For great is our God —

Many: And greatly to be praised!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Lin

SCRIPTURE: Luke 5:15-16 — Isabella Presnall

¹⁵ But now more than ever the word about Jesus^[c] spread abroad; many crowds were gathering to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. ¹⁶ Meanwhile, he would slip away to deserted places and pray.

MESSAGE

“Seeking Solitude”

Rev. Lin Cheek

Subject: Jesus often sought solitude, although he didn’t often get it.

Focus: SOLITUDE. Do we have trouble being alone? Do we require the comfort of company? Company is nice, but solitude lets us truly listen for the voice of God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH #618

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees),
Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me (on me).
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees),
Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me (on me).
3. Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees)
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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me (on me).

OFFERTORY — Shelly Anderson

“In This Quiet Hour”

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Lin

ALL: God of all people, we humbly ask that you bless these gifts to be a blessing for all who

have need. Bless all those who benefit from our sharing; bless us also, that we may continue to give where gifts are needed, and love where love has been lost. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING — Lin

One: The Lord be with you,

Many: and also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts,

Many: we lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

Many: it is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Creator God, we, your people, come to you in prayer ... as Christ taught us to pray, saying:

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all. Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the ushers know and the elements will be brought to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Lin

All: As a forgiven and reconciled people, may we continue to work for a world where none shall hunger or thirst, where war is a distant memory, and the peace of Christ rules in every heart. Amen

CLOSING HYMN UMH #314 “In the Garden (I Come to the Garden Alone)”

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses,
REFRAIN: And he walks with me and he talks with me and he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. He speaks and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. REFRAIN

3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. REFRAIN

BENEDICTION — Lin

POSTLUDE — Scott Anderson

Prelude/Postlude—Scott
Song Leader— Margaret
Liturgist — Isabella Presnall

Accomp.—Betsy
Special Music — Shelly
Children’s Message—Lin

Offertory—Scott & Betsy
Organ — Scott
Violin — Rae Ann