



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

July 12, 2026 10:15AM

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Bob Crocker

Lector: Toni DeVore

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Linda Crocker

Welcome Center: Vickie Bono, Linda Crocker

The Word of God

Prelude

“I Love You Lord”

Laurie Klein

Arr. by Douglas Wagner

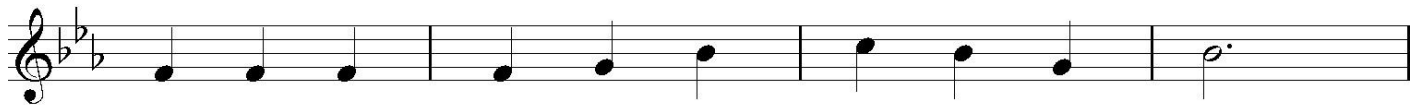
Processional Hymn #488

“Be thou my vision”

Slane



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

“Glory to God”

Gloria a Dios

Glo - ria_a Dios, glo - ria_a Dios,
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
glo - ria_a Dios en los cie - los.
glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí,
Peace be to you, peace be to me,
paz pa - ra to - da la tie - rra.
peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people remain standing

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (25:19-34)

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other,

the elder shall serve the younger.” When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
 and a light upon my path.
106 I have sworn and am determined *
 to keep your righteous judgments.
107 I am deeply troubled; *
 preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
 and teach me your judgments.
109 My life is always in my hand, *
 yet I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
 but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
 truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
 for ever and to the end.

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:1-11)

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

“Every time I feel the Spirit”

Spiritual

Harmony

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the

spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

Fine

unison

1. Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

1. mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
2. bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

1. fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
2. track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

D.C.

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:1-9, 18-23)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel.*

(Response for each prayer)

Lord, hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

Victims of war and violence	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Ann Stevens– healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Gene Allander - healing	Marlene Smith - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	John Currey - healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Larry Landrith – healing	Jared Stephens – healing
Skylyn Beers – safe birth		

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Donovan Burns, Sterling Slusher, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Mirtala Smith	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Rudi Miksa
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Brenda Pugh	Ben Buskirk

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Music

“Hiding in Thee”

arr. by Ron Loree

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3) (10:15)

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Makeever

Refrain

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Refrain

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection,
As we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem (vs. 1 only)**“Break Now the Bread of Life”**

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Music**“Just As I Am”**

arr. by John Purifoy

Post Communion Hymn (see insert)**“Lord I Need You”**

Jeese Reeves, Kristian Stanfill,

Matt Mahar, Christy Nockels and Daniel Carson

Liturgical Dance performed by Open Sky Arts Collective

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer – Adapted from the Church of England

Celebrant and People

Gracious God, lover of all, we are one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, and one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another, and grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration, we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding, may perform the same. Nurture us into the full maturity of the Body of Christ. All this we ask, through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

Birthdays: Ty Smith, Mary Gevas, Patsy Mace, Carol Lathrop

Closing Hymn #657

“Love divine all loves excelling”

Beecher

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

People **Thanks be to God.**

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;

go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere

you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Postlude

“Trumpet Air”

Henry Purcell
arr.by Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Open Sky Arts Collective as they perform a beautiful liturgical dance for us and begin a week long clubhouse at the Escape for children in the neighborhood.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God in honor of the birthdays of Mary Gevas and Dr. Mary Smyrnioudis-Kearney by Denise Orem.

Open Altar Flower dates: August 2, & 16th and Sept. 27. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

Bell Tower Work Begins – Phoenix Associates is starting the Bell Tower repairs on Monday – the last part of our Capital Campaign. Pray for safety and no hidden surprises.

SAVE THE DATE: Adult Education session 2 and 3 are scheduled for Wed. July 22, and Wed. Aug 12 it will start at 6 and end no later than 8pm. The format will be similar to the Lenten series—a potluck followed by activities and discussion. The topic is *the Two Popes*. For more details, please see the June 24th edition of the “Shepherd’s Staff”.

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