



Order of Worship
July 19, 2026
8th Sunday of Pentecost



SPIRIT CAFE
AWAKEN+INSPIRE+MOTIVATE



GATHERING SONG – We Are God's Hands

**When a stranger's standing hungry
At the corner in the rain,
When a weary heart is waiting
For a little hope again,
May we see Your face before us
In the ones the world forgets—
Let our love become the answer,
Let our kindness be Your hands.**

[Chorus]

***We are God's hands,
We are God's feet,
When we lift the low,
We serve the Christ we meet.
In the least of these, Your light is seen—
Lord, help us understand: We are God's hands.***

**When the lonely sit in silence
With no one to call their name,
When the prisoner needs forgiveness
And the sick are worn with pain,
May we bring a cup of water,
May we stay and make their day;
For the love we give to others
Is the love You give today. *[Chorus]***

**Not by strength or grand achievement,
Not by words that fade away,
But by bread and open doorways,
By compassion day by day,
Till the whole world knows Your kingdom
Through the lives we choose to share—
Jesus, make us faithful servants,
Make Your presence known through care. *[Chorus]***

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE – Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks – Donald Fishel

Refrain: **Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.**
 Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Psalms 86:11-17 (read responsively by half verse)

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

THE READING: Ruth 4:1-12

No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin of whom Boaz had spoken came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the town and said, "Sit down here," so they sat down. He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging to confirm a transaction: the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE – Rewriting the Local DNA – *Pastor Frank Waugh*

THE CREED – Creedsong – *Frank Waugh*

Refrain: **Come and worship God, worship God together.
Give God all the praise, all the praise forever.
We believe in God – Father, Son and Spirit
Author of the universe and all that we inherit.**

Verses: **The Lord is light and created us to be
Good and right, God's image plain to see.
The birds, the trees, and all creation sings
To share with us the joy that living brings.**

**Jesus came, walked the Earth in a heyday,
Born of flesh, begotten, not made.
Tested and crucified, He rose on a Sunday
To bring to all God's amazing grace.**

**The Spirit calls – God's work through us imparting,
The Church of Christ in us new life is starting.
Enlightened, just and sanctified,
we follow with anointing
The way of love and peace
to which the Lord is pointing.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us approach God in the presence of one another, seeking reconciliation, peace and the abundant life.

People: **Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have fallen short of your perfection and have sinned both in our actions and in our failures to act according to your call on our lives. We seek restoration through your grace and mercy. Receive our prayer and renew us in the name of Jesus.**

Pastor: We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and
ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

SHARING THE MEAL

A PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance
of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your
love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG – Children of the Heavenly Father – *Caroline Sandell Berg*

**Children of the Heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**



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