



Order of Worship
July 26, 2026
9th Sunday of Pentecost



SPIRIT CAFE
AWAKEN+INSPIRE+MOTIVATE



GATHERING SONG – Crowded Table – *The Highwomen*

**You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go**

[Chorus]

***I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done***

**If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed**

[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

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 119:129-136 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.

With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.

THE READING: Ruth 4:13-22

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

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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