

*Raise your voices with praise*

Jeremiah 31:7



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

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The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

## Sunday Service – July 20, 2025

*How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!*

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **\*BOLD\*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts      *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* by Gabriel

**\*Welcome**    *Tom, Ann would like you to greet the congregation.*

### Call to Worship –

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**We come running and on walkers, with hurried steps and halting to join together as your called together people.**

This is the day you have made for us, our Creator, a day for us to join in praise and worship of you.

**We give thanks for this day and for this world, for this whole creation which you have called good.**

You gather us together as our good Shepherd.

**For your care of us all, of our lives we praise your name.**

Let us worship God.

### Opening Hymn #401 “*Here in This Place*”

### Call to Confession –

The psalmist tells us, “The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.” In the quiet of this moment, we acknowledge that we are in need of God’s mercy, no matter our age, for we all fall short of God’s glory. Let us confess our sins to our gracious and forgiving God.

### Prayer of Confession –

**Holy and Merciful God, we confess sometimes we think we know it all. That there is nothing more for us to learn in this journey of life. We are blind to the**

newness around us. We are deaf to the new word you long to speak to us. Our hearts are closed to the change you long to bring in us. Forgive us for thinking we have it all figured out. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to growth in you that our days may be filled with the joy and peace of knowing you more fully.

*Time for silent confession*

### **Assurance of Pardon —**

Hear these words of assurance from the book of Isaiah: “Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.” In Christ, we are forgiven and embraced by a love that never fades, no matter our age.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”**

### **Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

### **Time for Music & Meditation**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Let us Pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

### **Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — Jeremiah 31:7-14 CEB**

see insert

7 The Lord proclaims:

Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob;

shout for the leading nation.

Raise your voices with praise and call out:

“The Lord has saved his people,  
the remaining few in Israel!”

8 I’m going to bring them back from the north;  
I will gather them from the ends of the earth.  
Among them will be the blind and the disabled,  
expectant mothers and those in labor;  
a great throng will return here.

9 With tears of joy they will come;  
while they pray, I will bring them back.

I will lead them by quiet streams  
and on smooth paths so they don’t stumble.

I will be Israel’s father,  
Ephraim will be my oldest child.

10 Listen to the Lord’s word, you nations,  
and announce it to the distant islands:

The one who scattered Israel will gather them  
and keep them safe, as a shepherd his flock.

11 The Lord will rescue the people of Jacob  
and deliver them from the power of those stronger than they are.

12 They will come shouting for joy on the hills of Zion,  
jubilant over the Lord’s gifts:  
grain, wine, oil, flocks, and herds.

Their lives will be like a lush garden;  
they will grieve no more.

13 Then the young women will dance for joy;  
the young and old men will join in.

I will turn their mourning into laughter  
and their sadness into joy;  
I will comfort them.

14 I will lavish the priests with abundance  
and shower my people with my gifts,  
declares the Lord.

**Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — John 10:11-17 CEB**

see insert

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
12 When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. 13 He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.

14 “I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

17 “This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again.

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith:** *from Iona Abbey Worship Book (p.65)*

With the whole church  
we affirm that we are made in God’s image  
befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the Spirit.  
With people everywhere  
we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.  
With all creation  
we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,  
the unfolding purposes of God  
forever at work in ourselves and the world.

**Hymn of Response #526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

**Prayers of the People & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Call to Offering

Everything we have and everything we are belongs to God and God alone. Let us give thanks by giving to God from the gifts of our lives and labors.

### Offertory

*In the Garden* by Miles

### Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

### Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. For all the gifts you give us O God, gifts that come with age as well as those that are a part of youth, we give you thanks. In response to your greatest gift, Jesus Christ we respond with these offerings we offer. May the gifts and the givers be blessed and may the gifts be used to bring good news to your world. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen**

### Announcements

### Closing Hymn #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

### Char and Benediction

### Postlude

*Canticle of Praise* by Paxton

Liturgical Resources:

Rev. June Begany, POAMN Planning Guide 2017  
Worship Resources, POAMN, October 2023

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Church Office will be closed July 22 & 28:**

**Annual Summer Hymn Sing:** Our annual Hymn Sing is back! We'll be singing our favorite songs on August 10th. To make it happen, we need your help. If you have a selection you'd like in the service, please fill out a Hymn Form in the narthex. There is a basket where you can leave the filled out document.

### Birthdays

Cindy Bowers – July 22

Delaney Seitz – July 24

### Anniversaries

## ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

*To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.*

### **Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting**

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

### **Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting**

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on "Join" and enter this information:

***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468

***Password:*** 030414

### **Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)**

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

***Phone Number:*** (301) 715-8592

***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468

***Password:*** 030414

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

401

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,  
 van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;  
 brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.  
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and  
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,  
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.



## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

## 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;  
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

*Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.* ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

606

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.  
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958  
 Text © 1961, ren. 1989 *The Hymn Society* (admin. *Hope Publishing Company*)  
 Music: Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 *Broadman Press* (admin. *Music Services*)

BEACH SPRING  
 8,7,8,7,D