

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

## GATHERING

### \*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are gathered here...

P: In the name of Jesus Christ.

L: He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

P: We are no longer outsiders in a foreign land, but we are fellow citizens with the saints in the household of God.

L: Let everyone praise the Lord!

P: Let the Lord's name be praised! Amen!

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE      *"Only King Forever"*

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      *"Christ is Enough"*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OBSERVE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

With an outstretched hand, and an open heart, I invite you to greet one another at a distance saying to each other, "The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**"

## A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

### FIRST EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12

### SECOND EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:13-22

### WITNESS TO THE WORD

*Celebrating Our Diversity*  
*"The Walls We Used to Keep"*

Rev. Jim Rogers

### OFFERTORY

\*please consider giving a donation to LUMC Snack Sack Ministry today.

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

*"Beautiful Name"*

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

### THE INVITATION

### CONFESSION AND PARDON (RESPONSIVELY):

L: God, we believe you have called us to unity, but often we have isolated ourselves from others,

P: God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs on those who are different.

L: We believe you have called us to live together as one body,

P: Forgive us for the times we have created division within your worldwide church.

L: We believe you ask us to look, listen, and learn from others,

P: Forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked those with different viewpoints.

L: We believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand all who are called by your name,

P: Forgive us for the times we have offended you by failing to love others as we do ourselves.

L: God, we believe you call us to be one even as you are one,

P: Forgive us for the disunity and disagreement we have harbored and make us one.

- (please take a moment to offer prayers of confession to God in silence) -

### Words of Assurance:

L: God and Creator of all humankind, your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one even as you are one. May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts, so that by the power of the Spirit, we might find the Oneness that you intend for us.

P: God, may we see in your Oneness our need for unity, may we see in your Three-ness our need for community, may we see in your creativity our need for diversity, and may we see in your Self our need to love each other.

ALL: Glory to God! Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)

### PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BREAKING THE BREAD

### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (RESPONSIVELY):

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamor and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever. Amen.

Meghan F. Benson (former Chaplain of Duke Div.)

### \*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

*"Battle Belongs"*

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*Please stand as you are able