

The river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain.

Psalm 65:9

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace.

Isaiah 55:12

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Romans 8:9

All the crowds were amazed and were saying, “Can this be the Son of David?”

Matthew 13:23

Guest Reflections

Mary Ellen Lloyd
Eva Moore

Assistant

Carol Wood

Special Music

Christa Mastrangelo Joyce

Accompanist

Sam Jannotta

Tech Support

Mark Nutwell

To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit 288 (2x)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 582**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

+Response 286, v. 1, 2

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 583 (2x)**

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Canada, USA, and the 1000+ federally recognized indigenous nations within these countries,
including Lakota, Cherokee, and Navajo

Response 486, v. 1

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.*

First Pew

Response 486, v. 2

*Child of love, our love’s expression, love’s creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lessons

Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reflections

“Planted in Love”

***Hymn 664**

“Morning Has Broken”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Plowshare Prayer,” by Spenser LaJoye

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

***Sending 753, v. 1, 2**

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon,
Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there’s sadness ever joy.*

***Postlude**

Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark.

Rabindranath Tagore

Do small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Martin Luther

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

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Fifteenth Sunday
Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13 Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian General Assembly Summary – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom
- Sunday Studio Summer Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Monday, July 13 • Office Renovation Project

Church office closed

Tuesday, July 14 • Office Renovation Project • Happy Birthday Pastor Gusti!

Pastor Gusti Vacation Day
Church office closed

Wednesday, July 15 • Office Renovation Project

Church office closed

Thursday, July 16 • Office Renovation Project

Church office closed

Friday, July 17 • Office Renovation Project

Church office closed

Sunday, July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom
- Sunday Studio Summer Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

PASTOR GUSTI WILL BE TAKING VACATION ON TUESDAY, JULY 14

to celebrate her birthday. She will not check email but will be available by cell for pastoral emergencies: 681-283-5314.

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By Your Example

By your example,
you can make of anyone you meet
a student of love,
a practitioner of kindness,
a follower in the way
of deep trust in grace.
By your example
you may so touch people
that something in them heals;
you can so intrigue people
that they want to follow.

You will not convince anyone.
But you may allure them.
They will not drop everything,
but something in them may be changed.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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