

Sunday
July 16, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Greg Culver

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people
here and around
the world.



Plain print indicates worship leader.
Bold print indicates congregation.
*Indicates please stand as able.

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

***Call to Worship**

Forgiven...
loved...
free...

Let us hear the truth and truly believe.

Let us worship God — Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit!

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Lord God of a new morning, and of all our
days and nights, we gather here to praise
You in sound and silence, in story and
song with voices and hearts eager to know
You and to move a little closer to You.

**Life giving God, You have called us from
many places, along many roads and
through many histories to this moment
and place that we might be reminded of
Your faithfulness.**



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You have heard the songs of our souls, mingled with tears and laughter, burning with anger and shouting with joy as we navigate life's pathways with You as our constant companion.

You have shared flesh with us, known blood pulsing through Your veins and flowing from Your wounds; experienced death and isolation so that You might know for Yourself our struggles and our sorrows.

You came back to us; threw off the weight of dirt and stone, to unearth a promise made before time, and hand it to us, fresh and clean, and full of life.

And You have stayed with us, Lord, even as our song has fallen silent, our minds have become closed, and our words have become sharp, like a sword in Your side.

Lord God, You have blessed us and freed us from all our failures. You have put Your trust in us that we might bring blessing and freedom to others through Your word.

May our voices always be praising You, may our actions always be sharing You, may our hearts always be open to You, and may our lives be a living sacrifice to You so that all may see and hear Your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.

*Hymn: 66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (verses 1-3)

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 1:1-14

Children's Time: *Hank Stamm*

Sermon: "One Church Under Christ"

*Hymn: 102 Now Thank We All Our God (verses 1, 3)

Prayer for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

*Doxology: 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Whoever we are, wherever we come from, whatever we bring, however much we offer, You welcome us as one, Lord. Bless these gifts that united they may serve a single purpose — to bring life to Your people and a glimpse of Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

*Hymn: 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1, 3, 4)

*Blessing

*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, July 23: Ephesians 2:11-22; "Peace As Institution."

Today's altar flowers are provided by Del and Myrna Forsythe.

July 9 attendance: 10:00 a.m. = 132

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson
Mary Evelyn Bell
David Bretz
Alice Dibble
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland
Iris McGahan
Beverly Nimmo
Robert & Carmen Parsons
Char Rice
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Al Thomas
Mina Willett

For Hope and Healing

Andrew's friends
*Braylon Brown (Laverne Swinehart's
great-grandson)*
Jack and Cynda Buckallew
Kathy Hale (Ken Franklin's sister's friend)
Tyler Lynch
Fred Nelson
Larry and LaVon Rolfe
Henry Stamm
Lily Stamm
Trisha and family (Amy Moberley's friend)

For Lost Loved Ones

Carol Berkey
Virginia Caswell
Al Hosner
Clarence Kohler (Norm's brother)
Jesse Miller (Betty Gruber's brother)

In Service to Our Country

Matt Kohler	Tyler Smith
Jeff Kudary	Richie Steinacker
Ryan Miller	Nathan Stevens
Walker Polsinelli	

**Sew What Now God will not meet
during the month of July.**

Coming Deadlines

- Church Council submissions are due Tuesday, July 18
- Newsletter items are due Monday, July 24
- ScripCents orders are due Tuesday, August 1, by 2:00.

Attention: United Methodist Women

Your revised calendar of events is available at the Welcome Center. Please pick up your copy today.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

July 16:
July 23: Marshall Linebaugh

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

7/16 Beth Smith
7/17 Madeline Wilke
7/18 Randy Stafford
7/20 Kamden Oomen
7/21 Carl Williams
7/22 Buff Coe
Mike Harrison
Meredith Smola

Anniversaries

7/16 Del & Myrna Forsythe
7/19 Matt & Andrea Luegge
7/20 Hank & Tamra Stamm



Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

~ Charles Wesley

This Week

Sunday, July 16

9:30 a.m. PIT CREW, Room 118

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 17

7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee
meeting in the Library*

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 p.m. *Personnel Committee
meeting in the Library
Church Council
submissions are due*

Wednesday, July 19

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the
Taylor Room

Thursday, July 20

6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth), FLC

Friday, July 21

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether,
Room 219

Saturday, July 22

no scheduled activities

Coming Events

Monday, July 24

6:30 p.m. *Church Council meeting in
the Taylor Room*

Thursday, July 27

7:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle in the
Taylor Room*

Saturday, July 29

2:00 p.m. *Memorial Service for Jim
Goecker*

Tuesday-Friday, August 15-18

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School (till
noon)*



**Tuesday - Friday
August 15-18**

9:00 to noon



The best week of the summer!

- New friends
- Amazing experiments
- Creative games
- Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures
- Incredible music

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