

# **Service of Worship**

June 29, 2025 • The Sundays of Pentecost

### Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

### Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and

the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

# God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

### Call to Worship • Psalm 141

O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!

Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds

in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies!

Let a righteous man strike me – it is a kindness; let him rebuke me – it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it.

Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds.

When their judges are thrown over the cliff, then they shall hear my words, for they are pleasant.

As when one plows and breaks up the earth, so shall our bones be scattered at the mouth of Sheol.

But my eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord; in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers! Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.

#### **Invocation**

Hymn of Praise • Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymnal, 457)

# God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Prayer of Confession • 1 Cor 10:13; James 1:14-15; Matt 26:41; James 4:7; 2 Tim 2:22; Titus 2:11-12; 1 John 1:7

Leader: Father, your Word tells us that no temptation has overtaken us that is not common to man, and that you are faithful to provide a way of escape.

People: But instead of looking for your way of escape, we often give in to our desires and walk into temptation's trap.

Leader: You instructed us to watch and pray, that we may not enter into temptation.

People: Our spirit is often willing, but our flesh is weak. We become distracted and spiritually careless.

Leader: You promise that when we resist the devil, he will flee from us.

People: But too often we resist half-heartedly or not at all, tolerating temptation rather than fleeing from it.

Leader: Help us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright, and Godly lives before You.

All: Give us the grace to walk in your light for your glory. Amen.

# Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon • Titus 2:11-14

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." **Amen.** 

### Hymn of Invitation • Come, Ye Sinners



# God Teaches Us Through His Word

### Scripture Reading • Proverbs 7

"My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call insight your intimate friend, to keep you from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words.

For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice, and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense,

passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness.

And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart.

She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home;

now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner she lies in wait.

She seizes him and kisses him, and with bold face she says to him,

'I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows;

so now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly, and I have found you.

I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen;

I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love.

For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey;

he took a bag of money with him; at full moon he will come home.'

With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him.

All at once he follows her,

as an ox goes to the slaughter,

or as a stag is caught fast till an arrow pierces its liver;

as a bird rushes into a snare;

he does not know that it will cost him his life.

And now, O sons, listen to me, and be attentive to the words of my mouth.

Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths,

for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng.

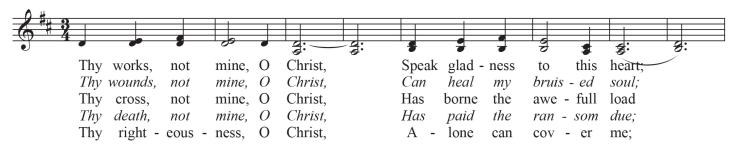
Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death."

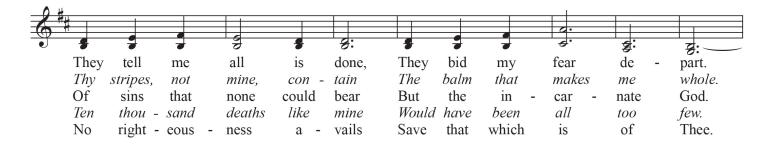
#### Sermon

Temptation's Trap – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

# God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

### Hymn of Adoration • Thy Works Not Mine, O Christ









# Profession of Faith • Titus 2:11-14

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# Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

# 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. Amen

# God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

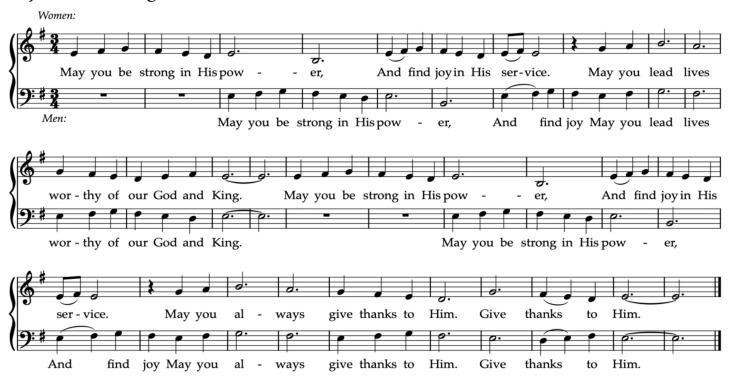
After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Prayer • Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymnal, 32)

#### Benediction • 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." *Amen*.

#### May You Be Strong



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