

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30AM, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP      Responsive

Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

**Through Christ, we are made one with God.**

In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

**Through Christ, we are made one in God.**

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

**Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.**

So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*HYMN                                      "O Worship the King"                                      UMH # 73

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                                      Apostles' Creed                                      UMH # 881

### OPENING PRAYER      Unison

**God of all creation, who called every being into life, who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity, who embodies us with dignity, granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world, we ask for your Spirit to unite us where we face lack of understanding and disunity in our churches, in our communities, in our countries. And in silence, we lay before you the burdens of our hearts. (Silence) We ask for your Spirit to unite us in the face of the conflicts, hatred, and violation of life experienced in so many regions of the earth and, in silence, we bring to you the pain of the victims. (Silence) We ask for your Spirit to unite us wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbour, from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures, and faith communities with respect, and, in silence, we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships. (Silence) God of all creation, in**

**Christ we are reconciled, and so we ask for your uniting Spirit to help us to overcome all our divisions that we may live in peace. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON      Responsive

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

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

God, we believe you have called us to live together as one body.

**God, forgive us for the times we have created division within your worldwide church.**

God, we believe you ask us to look, listen, and learn from others.

**God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked those with different viewpoints.**

God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand all who are called by your name.

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

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

**Forgive us for the disunity we have harbored and make us one.**

*(Pause to offer up prayers for unity within the church.)*

God and Creator of all humankind, your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one, even as you our God 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.

**God, may we recognize in your Oneness our need for unity. God, may we recognize in your Three-ness, our need for community. God, may we recognize in your creativity, our need for diversity. God, may we recognize in your Self, our need to love each other. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ did not come into the world to condemn us, but to save us and reconcile us to God and to one another. Through the cross of Jesus Christ, the dividing walls of hostility have been broken down. In him, we are forgiven, renewed, and made one body. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Glory to God. Amen.**

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 17:9-11 (NRSV)**

**9** I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

**10** All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

**11** And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**MESSAGE**

**“Unity in God”**

**Rev. Dongkue Jee**

**RESPOND TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**UMH # 526**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**UMH # 895**

**OFFERING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**UMH # 95**

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**Unifying God of Grace, you have entrusted us with the joy of community and the calling of witness. As Jesus prayed that we might be one, we bring these gifts as a sign of our shared commitment to your mission in the world. Let our giving reflect our love, our unity declare your glory, and our generosity embody Christ’s presence among us. Use these offerings to strengthen the church, to bless our neighbors, and to glorify your name. In Christ, we belong to you. In Christ, you are glorified in us. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN “God Will Take Care of You”

**UMH # 130**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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