

# *Welcome To Worship*

---



---

***Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 5th Sunday After Pentecost***

---

*\*Those who are able please stand*

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVITATION TO REST**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES: The Words of God's People**

*Imagine that you were able to see Christ as you walked into the room, Standing in front of you, waiting to begin worship with you.*

*On the paper provided, write down 1 or 2 "opening sentences" you want to say to him to begin worship.*

*Your words will be collected and read as our "opening sentences" for worship today.*

**\*GATHERING HYMN #14**

***For The Beauty Of The Earth***

**KYRIE**

*(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

*Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Christe Eleison**

**Kyrie Eleison**

**CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)**

Faithful God,

**You are the warmth around us, the hope within us, the resolve that leads us forward.**

You bring light to our darkness, and that is why we confess our longing,

We need your faithful steadiness in lives so often in flux.

**Just as we think things are under control, the trusted ground begins to shift, relationships crumble and insecurities erupt.**

So little seems dependable, God.

***But, we choose to trust that you are.***

***So, we declare our need for you, Lord.***

Please, be the rock we can cling to. Even with shaky hands and tired hearts. You are steady. You are sure. And, so is the light you shine on our next step.

**Help me alone and us together to trust this truth, forever.**

## **KYRIE**

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

**Kyrie Eleison**

*Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)*

**Christe Eleison**

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

**Kyrie Eleison**

***SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.***

## **DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

The Spirit of God cannot be stopped. Even by our foibles. Always forgiving, always creating, always renewing, always calling us home.

**Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!**

## **\*RESPONSE HYMN #519**

**You Are My Strength**

## **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.**

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

READING 1..... Genesis 22:1-14

READING 2 .....Matthew 10:32-40

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON...*"Loose Your Life" and other confusing truths***

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #525**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

## **PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")**

## *The Communion*

- *Invitation*
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving*
- *Words of Institution*
- *Communion of the People*
- *Prayer*



**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #547**

**Go My Children**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.\***

*A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!*

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

*Pastor — Rev. Michael Ozaki*

Cell: 951.532.5105

*PastorOzaki@gmail.com*

Office: 218-281-4853 e-mail: [crxpres@midconetwork.com](mailto:crxpres@midconetwork.com)

Check out our Website: [crookstonfirstpres.org](http://crookstonfirstpres.org)

---

**Calendar for this week:**

Sunday, July 2, 2023

10:45 am      Worship

11:45 am      Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters..... Marsha Odom & Paula Waters

Organist..... Caleb Mendez

Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Lynne Mullins

Communion Prep & Serving.. Lynne Mullins

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm                      Book Study

Next Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

10:45 am      Worship

11:45 am      Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Rev. Michael Ozaki

Ushers & Greeters..... Dan & Laurie Wilson

Organist..... Caleb Mendez

Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Sandy Perkins

*A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!*

*Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:*

*Pastor — Rev. Michael Ozaki*

Cell: 951.532.5105

*PastorOzaki@gmail.com*

Office: 218-281-4853 e-mail: [crxpres@midconetwork.com](mailto:crxpres@midconetwork.com)

Check out our Website: [crookstonfirstpres.org](http://crookstonfirstpres.org)

---

**Calendar for this week:**

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

10:45 am      Worship

11:45 am      Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters..... Marsha Odom & Paula Waters

Organist..... Caleb Mendez

Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Lynne Mullins

Communion Prep & Serving.. Lynne Mullins

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm                              **Book Study**

**Next Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

10:45 am      Worship

11:45 am      Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Rev. Michael Ozaki

Ushers & Greeters..... Dan & Laurie Wilson

Organist..... Caleb Mendez

Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Sandy Perkins