

# *Welcome To Worship*

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*Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

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***\*Those who are able may stand***

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVITATION TO REST**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

Jesus Says, "Come To Me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest."

**All of us know what it is like to be weary.**

**All of us carry heavy burdens.**

Let us accept Christ's invitation.

**We long to rest in God.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #267**

**Come Christians Join to Sing**

**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)*

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**Kyrie Eleison**

**Christe Eleison**

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**CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)**

**Faithful one,**

**Despite our best efforts,**

**We struggle to live up to our own ideals.**

**And we struggle to release others from them as well.**

**Even with the best of intentions, the results sometimes do harm.**

**Even when we long to follow more closely, we end up wandering off.**

**We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace.**

**Bring stillness to our souls, order to our steps  
and guide our feet back to your way.**

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

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

God holds up all who are falling, and raises up those who are bent low.  
Jesus rescues us from all that tries to steal the fullness of life from us.  
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

**\*RESPONSE HYMN # 740**

**Lead Me Guide Me**

**\*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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

*Amazing Grace (handbell solo with piano)*

**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 24:34-38**

**READING 2.....Romans 7:15-25**

**READING 3.....Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

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

**SERMON.....The burdens that make us lighter**

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #450**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)**

**\*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 #300**

**We are One in the Spirit**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

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