

# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## Welcome

### \*Passing of the Peace

#### Prelude

*Be Still and Know* by Ken Ritter

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us call on our God and give thanks. Let hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

**People: Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life. Let all the people tell of God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence. Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

**People: Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness. The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.**

Leader: Who can separate us from the love of God? Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

**People: Nothing can separate us for God's love. We can face all things, knowing God's care.**

### \*Opening Hymn #89

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

### \*Affirmation of Faith #885

A Modern Affirmation

### \*Gloria Patri #70

### \*Centering Prayer

Meet us here, holy God to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits. Plant your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing, inviting ways for the sake of all your creatures. May we find in these moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss, discouragement and suffering. Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust you and your will for us. We believe that whatever happens, you can bring some good from it. Show us, O God, the good you intend. In Christ's name, amen.

## Children's Message

### Psalter Reading

Psalm 105:1-11

Hymnal, Page 828

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."

Response #1

People: "Thanks be to God."

\*Hymn of Preparation #2128 (insert) *Come & Find the Quiet Center*

### Sermon Text

Romans 8:26-39 (The Message)

Sermon "Beyond Understand - - Grounded by Grace" Rev. Bates

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer #895

### Offering & Offertory

*Come and Listen* by Crowder

### \*Doxology #94

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**You have blessed us with every good gift, generous God. Our hearts overflow with joy and love for the privilege of walking with you and being called your own. Receive these gifts, we pray, as our faithful and grateful response to your gifts of grace and mercy in our lives. Amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn #2146 (insert)

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

Improvisation on *Amazing Grace*

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*