

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2026

Preservice Music

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession: **Abba, Father, we live in a judgmental world that is constantly finding fault with the rest of the world while assuming self-righteousness for itself. We confess we have allowed ourselves to be caught up in that same behavior. As a result, we work hard in hiding our own brokenness. Though we can fool others we cannot fool You, for as the scriptures affirm You know EVERYTHING about us and nothing is hidden from Your attention. So we invite You, Abba, Father, to examine us and see us through and through. Look and see all the harmful ways about us and lead us on the high road of loving others as You have loved us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Response:

**Just as I am- Thou will receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri *(Avery & Marsh)*

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world**

**without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be world without end.**

Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A---men. Amen!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Christine Sericati

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Pg. 604, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 86:11-17

Pg. 494, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pg. 818, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Living in Hope*

*Affirmation of Faith: *(adapted from Romans 8:18-25)*

We believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope, and we wait for it with patience.

Special Music: *There is a Redeemer* Josh March and Olivia Berutti

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jazzlyne Shaughnessy, Cody and Cameron Neuens

(children of Nick and April Neuens)

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: Helmi Olson, Bob Werner, Alberta Bricker, Julie Butterfield, Phil Peterson, Sue Fraker, Margaret Spooner, Anne Starr, Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson, Charlie Novara, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Mary Rushford; the family of Peter Javoroski; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Offering

Offertory:

***Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 682, vs. 1 & 2

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 682, v. 3

***Postlude**

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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