

6th Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025



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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or on-line, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Chorales of Thule 1. Cry, Human Tõnu Kõrvitz © Tõnu Kõrvitz, 2008

WELCOME

Julius "Tip" Tipton

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) In the hearing of the gospel we encounter God's extravagant love for us. In the community of God's people, we encounter the Holy Spirit's persistence with us. In our response of faithful living, we encounter the ongoing daily faithfulness of Christ. So, let us trust that as we gather here, God will meet us.

*HYMN No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, you have clothed us with Christ and called us to love one another, yet we confess that we love our categories and divisions more. We love how they allow us to make a judgment at a glance, to make assumptions based on how people fit or don't fit. At times we act on that love more often than we act on your love.

Lori Tucker

Forgive us when we cannot see your face in one another. Forgive us when we refuse to treat each person as Christ in our midst.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Remind us again that in your grace, all are valued and belong. Make us one in Christ today, and guide us to live faithfully our whole life long. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Friends, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS adapted from Hymn 439 God forgives all our transgressions, all our failings gently clears. God redeems us with compassion, and with us so kindly deals.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

SERMON

Julius "Tip" Tipton

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER George Strain Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

OFFERTORY Chorales of Thule 2. Glory to the Lord, Amen

Tõnu Kõrvitz © Tõnu Kõrvitz, 2008

Tõnu Kõrvitz is an Estonian composer whose music is often of a religious nature. The source materials for Chorales of Thule are three sacred folk tunes from Kärla, on Saaremaa island, thought by some scholars to be the legendary Island of Thule.

Thank you to Griff Campbell and Christopher Cunningham for offering this music.

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Loving God,

We thank you for the many gifts you have given each and all of us. With gratitude we return a portion of them to you today. May the time, talent, and treasure we offer this morning serve as a blessing to us in the giving of them, as well as to any who are in need of them. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*HYMN No. 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE (responsive)

Go with God. Alleluia! And Amen!

POSTLUDE

Chorales of Thule 3. Without Words

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Many thanks to Leslie Green and Tom Shelton for their work live-streaming the service this morning. The Rev. Dr. Julius R. "Tip" Tipton is an honorably retired PC(USA) minister. He is currently "pastoron-the-loose" at St. James Place, Baton Rouge.



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