



Order of Worship for 7/12/26

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's creation delights and astonishes.

Let the people pause and wonder!

God, the Creator, has made it all.

Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN #324

Open My Eyes That I May See

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me,
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. (Refrain)

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share. (Refrain)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven.**

***HYMN #577**

Glory Be to the Father

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:1-11
New Testament page 157

SCRIPTURE LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23
New Testament page 13

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Westminster Confession of Faith

God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of humankind, does freely offer this salvation to all people in the gospel. In the gospel God declares God's love for the world and God's desire that all people should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by God's Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with people to accept God's gracious invitation.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #316**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #592**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN #325**

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayer,
And make this house Your home;
Descend with all Your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light! to us reveal
Our emptiness and woe;
And lead us in those paths of life
Where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts
Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an offering be
To our Redeemer's name.

4 Come as the dove and spread Your wings,
The wings of peaceful love;
And let the Church on earth become
Blest as the church above.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers;
Make a lost world Your home;
Descend with all Your gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

