



July 19, 2026
Time after Pentecost
The Reverend Timothy McNeil

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“... and call her blessed...” from *Windows of Comfort* Dan Locklair
Inspired by Proverbs 31:28 “Her children arise up and call her blessed.”

* HYMN

694 Come, Ye Thankful People Come

St. George's Windsor

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,

giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

* GREETING

The Kingdom of God is near!
His reign is righteousness, peace, and joy.
We rejoice in the Lord our God!

* OPENING PRAYER

O God of Jacob,
you speak in the light of day
and in the dark of night
when our sleeping is filled with dreams of heaven and earth.
May Jacob's vision
remind us to be open and watchful,
ready to discover your presence in our midst. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory Be to the Father

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord,
and fill us full of light;
open wide the door of our hearts,
that we may receive and entertain thee
with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 13:28:10-19a

Old Testament p. 30

DUET

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

spiritual, arr. Richard Walters

PSALM

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

UMH p. 854

***Sung Response: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts***

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.**
 You search out my path and my lying down,
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
 you know it altogether.**
 You pursue me behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is high, I cannot attain it.**

Sung Response

Whither shall I go from your spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from your presence?
 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
 If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
**If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
 even there your hand shall lead me,
 and your right hand shall hold me.**
 If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
 and the light about me be night,"
**even the darkness is not dark to you,
 the night is bright as the day;
 for darkness is as light with you.**

Sung Response

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
 Try me and know my thoughts;
**and see if there be any wicked way in me,
 and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Sung Response

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* HYMN

127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me till I want no more;
 feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield;
 be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises,
 I will ever give to thee;
 I will ever give to thee.**

* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

New Testament p. 17

SERMON

The CIRCLE you cannot SQUARE

Reverend Timothy McNeil

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Liturgist**UMH* p. 885

A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
 there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
 whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
 infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
 whose mercy is over all his works,
 and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,
 Son of God and Son of man,
 the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
 the ground of our hope,
 and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit
 as the divine presence in our lives,
 whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
 of the truth of Christ,
 and find strength and help in time of need.
 We believe that this faith should manifest itself
 in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
 to the end
 that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

THE 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 trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Prelude on *St. Columba*

Healey Willan

* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

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.

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

Love Lifted Me

Safety

Love Lifted Me

Words by James Rowe

Music by Howard E. Smith

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Ve-ry deep-ly
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you
 6 stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea
 pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing. Love so might-y and so true
 11 by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea,
 17 Heard my de-spair-ing cry,— From the wa-ters lift-ed me, Now safe am I.—
 Mer-its my soul's best song; Faith-ful, lov-ing serv-ice, too, To Him be-longs.
 Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be Be saved to-day.
 22 Love lift-ed me!— Love lift-ed me!— When noth-ing
 1. else could help, Love lift-ed me.— 2. Love lift-ed me.—

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Healey Willan

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Timothy McNeil
Pastor in Charge	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Jim Garvey
Lay Reader	Judith Goodwin
Greeters	Paula Matson, Becky Rogers
Ushers	Alison and Roger Carpenter
Acolyte	Rowyn Scritchfield
Crucifer	Annabelle Quattlebaum
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Guest Organist	Dan Hardin
Soloists	Sawyer Branham, Lizzie Lee
Pianist	Larry Millen
Offering Counter	Dan Griggs
Worship Technicians	Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl

Where is the Chancel Choir?

Our choir is on vacation for the four Sundays of July.
 We are grateful for some time off,
 and we are grateful for the soloists who will be leading congregational singing at 11am worship.
 Our choir will return on August 2.

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Weekly Stewardship	
2026 Budget	\$631,305
Weekly Giving	\$5,022
YTD Giving	\$235,570
YTD Other Income	\$52,877
YTD Expenses	\$328,083
Attendance 7/12	Sanctuary: 67 Lake: 32 Online: 37

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