

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 11, 2021

8:30 am & 11:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

Arranged by Gilbert Martin

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond or sing

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 410 (vs. 1, 2) .. *God Is Calling Through the Whisper*

CCLI# 1622560

**God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.**

Flash of lightning, rush of thunder;

hush of stillness, rush of wonder.

God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?

**God is calling through the voices of our neighbor's urgent prayers,
through the longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.**

Place of hurt or face of needing;

strident cry or silent pleading.

God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God is waiting for us

With a tender heart and a searching question.

God is ready for us

With truth and wisdom; challenge and joy.

God is blessing us

With springs of living, refreshment for the journey.

God is sending us

To sing, pray and witness every day.

God is here.

Let the conversation begin.

†HYMN NO 611*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
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**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The world sets false barriers and divides us into artificial groups, but God knows us in every way. Our words, our thoughts, our actions are all done within God's sight. With this knowledge, we may gather as the people of God to confess our sins before God and one another with confidence.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your love. We enlist in your causes but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive but find ourselves hard and callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us, challenge us and empower our faithful response, through Christ our Lord...

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Listen! Here is good news: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

-to forgive you in your follies and foibles

-to accept you as you are

-to set you free from evil's power and make you what you were meant to be.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 625 (vs. 1,2)..... *How Great Thou Art*
CCLI #1622560

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

Refrain: **Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: (Refrain)**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Morning Has Broken*

Sanctuary Choir

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing? Praise for the morning? Praise for them springing fresh from the Word? Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the new grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:14-29

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES "Who Tells the Story?"

†HYMN *Count Your Blessings*

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**When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
count your many blessings name them one by one,
and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.**

Refrain: **Count your blessings, name them one by one,
count your blessings, see what God hath done,
count your blessings, name them one by one,
and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.**

**Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly
and you will be singing as the days go by. (Refrain)**

**So amid the conflict, whether great or small
do not be discouraged, God is over all.
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
help and comfort give you to your journey's end. (Refrain)**

SERMON "Count Your Blessings"

Reverend Tracie Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *My Tribute*

Arranged by Mark Hayes

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†THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO 700..... *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE NO. 468 (vv. 1, 4) *In My Life*

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In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers today are given by Doug & Linda Butler in honor of our great nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 11 - 18, 2021

TODAY

8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
9:45 AM	Spiritual Growth Class via ZOOM
10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
12:15 PM	Senior Outreach Ministry

THIS WEEK

Monday:	6:00 PM – Winchester Royals Baseball Game sponsored by MOO
Tuesday:	6:00 PM – GLOW – God Loving Opequon Women – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday:	12:00 PM – Snack-n Chat via ZOOM
Thursday:	10:30 AM – Tai Chi @ the Picnic Shelter 6:30 PM – Sherando Food Pantry
Saturday:	Young Adult Paddy Run Retreat

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In-Person & Live Stream Worship – 11:00 AM
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-19, Ephesians 2:11-22
Sermon: "Make Us Builders of Peace"

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jeanette Baccary
Steven Tarrant Family
Patricia Ferguson
Katie Teets Bradshaw Family
Florida Building Collapse
Hazel Spriggs
Mr. Valadez
Todd Corroba
Michael Weller
Cheryl Newton
Harriet & Bobby Smith
Julie Pearce
Lovett Family
June Windle
Caroline Hastreiter
Pastor Michael & Anna Marie
Evans
Stautzenbach Family
Dottie Adams
Carol Tubbs
Audrey Sine
Carlene Lemasters
Holly Lightcap
Al "Pop" Owens Sr
The Grim Twins

Ellie Lingo
Louis Bundrick Sr.
Tim Souders
Dawn Williams
Richard Lloyd
Paula Marquis
Thelma Cameron
Carol Treece
Nadine DeHaven
Trudie Cope
Laurel Look
Paula & Mac McNichols
Mary Lou Thomas
Casey Carr
Ann & Edgar Tufts
Sandy Haney
Curt Budny
Gary Seabright
Nathan Windle
Cindy Corell (missionary)
Doug Dicks (missionary)
Jose Lamont Jones
(missionary)
Unity of Our Nation
Ethiopia

Nancy Kerns
David Trickle
Racial Injustice
Reconciliation
Firefighters
Police Officers
First Responders
Tom Schmidt
Food Banks
Homeless
Mike Shade
Associate Pastor Nominating
Committee (APNC)
Brad Treece
Women & Children of
Domestic Violence
Families of Children, Youth &
Young Adults with Special
Needs
Kes Mersha
Jane Lewis
Doug Koch
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Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Edison Gomez, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Katherine Tufts, Michael White, and their families.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's Prelude continues our "Summer of Songs That Soar" focusing on homegrown tunes. The African American spiritual, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" had been sung for decades before it was first published in 1867. In a time when many spirituals preached hope for a better time, "Nobody Knows..." almost seems to wallow in despair, perhaps laying a foundation for the coming musical genre of "The Blues". Because the lyrics never detail the specific troubles, each listener reflexively personalizes it to fit their own situation. One of the middle verses says: "Sometimes I'm up. Sometimes I'm down. Sometimes I'm almost to the ground." Although each verse begins with a declaration of how tough daily living might be, they all conclude with the same strong statement of faith, "Glory hallelujah!"

Today's Offertory is also homegrown. This fifty year old gospel piece by Andraé Crouch, "My Tribute", addresses God with it's opening: "How can I say thanks for all the things that you have done for me?". This song of thanksgiving makes it a good compliment to the darker prelude. Especially with its closing line, "To God be the glory for the things he has done."

WITTS ON VACATION

Pastor David and DCE Carole Witt are on vacation this week and continuing through Friday, July 23. Please contact Pastor Tracie Martin, our Parish Associate, with pastoral concerns at tracie-martin@juno.com , the church office (540-662-1843) or (315) 247-5969

GLOW: God-Loving Opequon Women

Opequon's women's group known as GLOW gathers each month for devotions, special projects, friendship boosts, and lots of laughter. GLOW will meet this Tuesday, July 13 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a MOVIE and PIZZA Night. Popcorn and drinks provided too. The feature movie is "Follow the Stars Home", a story of a mother and child's love that conquers adversity. Ladies, treat yourself to a little time with 'the girls'.

OBJECT LESSON FOR KIDS THIS MONTH

With summertime and kids playing outside much more often, skinned knees or elbows are bound to happen, needing band aids for protection from further outdoor play. What a perfect time to share a BAND AID object lesson! Families of elementary age children received this lesson and a special band aid in the mail this week. Let's keep learning and growing in faith.

LIFE GOES ON

"Life Goes On" returns on Monday, July 19 at 12:00 NOON at IJ Canns. "Life Goes On" provides support and fellowship for people who have lost a significant other through death or divorce.

REMEMBERING KAREN JONES

You are invited to join Ray Jones and his family as we remember and celebrate the life of our beloved Karen Jones. The time of remembrance will begin at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 24 at the Picnic Shelter. A picnic lunch will follow at 12:30 PM.

ROOTS & SHOOTS

This week, 47.35 pounds were donated to the Highland Food Pantry with 16.25 pounds from yellow squash alone! Thank you to those who have harvested, weeded, or watered recently! If you would like help in the garden, reach out to the email linked to the SignUpGenius account. The SignUpGenius page can be found on the home page of the church's website (opequonchurch.org). We welcome any and all volunteers with no experience needed! This is a wonderful opportunity for small groups, families, and friends to get together and serve by helping others. And, what a treasured experience to spend time "in the garden."

SENIOR OUTREACH MINISTRY DONATIONS

Motel Ministry has pivoted to a Senior Outreach Ministry where we share kindness with elderly neighbors who live in low-income housing every second Sunday of the month. Donations of low-sodium canned goods such as green beans, peas, corn, potatoes, tuna, chicken, & soup are needed. We also take pudding cups, fruit cups (in juice), granola bars, shampoo & conditioner, and soap. Please label donations with, "Senior Outreach

Ministry," when dropping them off at church. On Sundays there will also be a bin next to the elevator. If you would like more details, please let Rebekah Witt know. Thanks!



**WONDERFUL OUTDOOR WORSHIP
AND
LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**

Sunday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m.

**Please join us at the
Picnic Shelter for our
Wonderful Outdoor Worship
and enjoy some ice cold
lemonade and lemon treats.**



WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music:

As we return to congregational singing in our sanctuary, are there particular hymns you want to sing? What makes them special?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages:

Who tells the stories in your family? How does that person affect how you hear those stories?

Notes on Today's Prayers:

What would you have added to today's prayers if you had been asked? What do you thank God for most often?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon:

Do you find yourself trying to bargain with God?

What do you think about the signs listed in the Mark passage? Do you find yourself wanting to test them?

Does counting your blessings really help when you are down? Is there something that might help better?