Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. July 16, 2023

Please silence all cell phones prior to the service. The asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.

WELCOME Dr. John Robbins

OPENING VOLUNTARY My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less arr. James Pethel

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-2; 6-7) Dr. Frode Gundersen

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

People: for he is our God

and we are the people of his pasture,

the flock under his care.

* **OPENING HYMN 694** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI 70 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.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:10-13 Sarah Argue

SOLO

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Kathryn Howell, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dr. Jeffery Hampton

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear Lord, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us up on your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our hearts, that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our mouths, that we may be alive with faith and joy. We pray these things in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples to pray:

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY I Love Thee, My Lord arr. George Shearing

* DOXOLOGY 95 OLD 100th

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

* **HYMN 732** Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

* SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* GREETING

SERMON Sowing Seeds Dr. Robbins

* CLOSING HYMN 707 Hymn of Promise PROMISE

* WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Susan Caudill

Communion is available immediately following this service in the Chapel.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, Pastor, Caring Ministries
Dr. Frode Gundersen, Director of Music, Arts & Worship
Sungyun Kim, Associate Music Director & Organist

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(9:00) Geoff Gwinn (*Lead*), Caroline Beauchamp, Emily Erkel, Rick Fleetwood (11:00) Anne Laidlaw (*Lead*), Hays Laidlaw, Amy Ezell, David Ezell

ACOLYTES

(9:00) Corinne Nolen

ALTAR GUILD

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Joann Martin to mark the anniversary of her 90th birthday by Garth Martin and her sons.

COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

The Columbarium Garden flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Roberts on the occasion of his birthday by Kathy Roberts.













