

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 11, 2021 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS May our lives be an honor and glory to God, who is our hope and our salvation.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The earth and everything in it is God's.

P: We belong to our God.

L: Lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving.

P: Rejoice!

L: Come, let us worship the ever-present God!

P: Let us celebrate with song and prayer God's love for us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and glory, renew us with your presence this day. As we gather to bless your name and sing your praise, bless us with your glorious love and your guiding light.

Strengthen us each and every hour, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the wisdom of your holy word. In hope and joy, we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN Seek Ye First *United Methodist Hymnal* #405

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE God Chooses Us *based on Ephesians 1:3-14*

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Mark 6:14-29

MESSAGE You Can Handle the Truth

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE *United Methodist Hymnal* p. 12

CLOSING HYMN Freely, Freely *United Methodist Hymnal* #389

COMMISSION & BLESSING

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BIBLE STUDY: Setting Our Hope

Read [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

- Read the passage a second time, emphasizing the words “us,” “we,” “in Christ,” and “in him.”
- What do we learn about each person of the Trinity from this passage?
- What do we learn about ourselves and about the hope we have in Christ?
- Where in this passage do you find encouragement?
- Where do you find a challenge to live as a disciple of Jesus?
- While it might be easy to read this passage as promises and truths just for individuals, Paul clearly has a larger framework in mind (remember the use of the words “us,” “we,” and the word “you” is plural). How can our community of faith help us to hold on to hope?

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are blessed and overwhelmed at the thought that we are children of God. Enable our praise to be more than mere words or tokens of appreciation. With all of our being, empower us to live a life that praises you and is clear where our hope rests. Amen.