

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. July 12, 2026



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

We seek Christ and celebrate the mystery of God's love for all.

-Our Vision Statement-

We are progressive Christians in an open, inclusive, and affirming community of faith.

We provide a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.

We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.

Newcomers and Guests: Please sign our guest book in the lobby where you entered and introduce yourselves. We would love to give you a thank you gift for praying with us and learn more about you.

Families with Children: We welcome people of any age who seek God's love and saving help.

The OK Corral is a good spot for small free-ranging kiddos.

Families are especially welcome to gather on the rug near the altar step, where you will also find children's activity bags. Quiet activities are available so kiddos can watch and learn while wiggling.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith

The Holy Eucharist

12 July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gather

Share

The Presider invites members and visitors to share important milestones of God's work in their lives, like birthdays, anniversaries, job changes, new family members.

Participate

A member of the clergy or an elected leader shares important news about how to participate in the fellowship and mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Acknowledge

Presider We begin by gratefully acknowledging the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Paul's was built on the ancestral land of the Suquamish Nation. The Suquamish are known as the "People of the Clear Salt Water," and have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along the Salish Sea for thousands of years.

People **We offer our respect to Elders past, present, and future.**

We Listen for God

Presider Silence is not the absence of noise. Take a moment to breathe in God's Holy Spirit and listen for the presence of Christ among us in every place we are.

The people observe a moment of silent reflection begun by the toning of the singing bowl and ended with the ringing of the Martinique Bell.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Words and Music by
Brian Doerksen

♩ = 98

D Dsus D

Come, now is the time to wor - ship.

5 A Em G D

Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come,

10 Dsus D A

just as you are to wor - ship. Come,

14 Em G D

Last time to Coda

just as you are be - fore your God. Come.

19 G D

1 One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess You are God.
2 Will - ling - ly we choose to sur - ren - der our lives.

21 G D G

One day ev - 'ry knee will bow. Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains.
Will - ing - ly our knees will bow. With all our heart, soul, mind,

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24 **Bm** **G** **A** *D.C. al Coda*

— for — those — who glad - ly — choose. You now. —
 — and — strength — we glad - ly — choose. You now. —

Coda
 28 **D**

Come. Come. Come,

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just as you are, ————— come. Come.

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria (8 am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

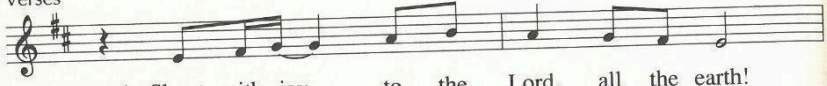
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria (10 am): Gather Hymnal #624 “Lift Up Your Hearts” vv. 1-2


Refrain

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gra-cious
 mer - cy! Sing out your joy to the Lord,
 whose love is en - dur - ing.

Verses




1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
 2. Let the earth wor-ship, sing-ing your praise.
 3. God's right hand made a path through the night,
 4. Lis-ten now, all you ser-vants of God,



Praise the name a-bove all names! Say to God, "How
 Praise the glo-ry of your name! Come and see the
 split the wa-ters of the sea. All cre-a-tion,
 As I tell of these great works. Bless-ed be the

D.C.



won-drous your works, how glo-rious your name!"
 deeds of the Lord, bless God's ho-ly name!
 lift up your voice: "Our God set us free."
 Lord of my life, whose love shall en-dure!

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The Collects

Presider Let us pray together.

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with

his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

106 **I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.**

107 I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 **Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.**

109 My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

110 **The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 **I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.**

A Reading from the book of Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 “Alleluia”

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**



All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 “Alleluia”

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Sermon: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Silence follows the sermon

The Nicene Creed

(from Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Expansive language)

Presider Let us affirm our faith together.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(from Form III, Prayers of the People, Book of Common Prayer)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Triune God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Bishop Phil, our parish priest Arienne, our deacon Bill, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on Zoe, Allen, Sara, Pricilla, Darlene, Alexa, Raymond, Declan, Darrell, Brandy, Linda, Elaine, Gianna, Steve, Rolly, Kathy, Bill, Deacon Bill, Curt, Anne, Kim, Lois, Beth, & Becky; and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Prayers may be offered silently or aloud.*

Presider God of power and might: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Assurance of Pardon *(from Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Expansive language)*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our Neighbor.

All Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Passing the Peace is an ancient practice where Christians recognize the holiness in one another before encountering Christ in the Eucharist. Members shake hands, hug, or bow to one another. The Peace comes to a close when the Presider bids the Offering.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presider calls the people to order by announcing the Offering.

Presider Everliving Creator, we forget that all we have comes from you. We offer you tokens of our labor to remind us that we are utterly dependent on you for our memory, hope, and very breath. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #695 “You Are Near”

Refrain

O Lord, I know you are near, stand-ing al - ways
at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you
lead me in ways ev - er - last-ing.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'You Are Near'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Verses

1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you
 2. Where can I run from your love? If I
 3. You know my heart and its ways, you who
 4. Mar - vel - ous to me are your works; how pro -

know when I sit and when I stand. Your
 climb to the heav - ens you are there; if I
 formed me be - fore I was born, in the
 found are your thoughts, my Lord. E - ven

hand is up - on me, pro - tect - ing me from death,
 fly to the sun - rise or sail be - yond the sea,
 se - cret of dark - ness be - fore I saw the sun,
 if I could count them, they num - ber as the stars,

keep - ing me from harm.
 still I'd find you there.
 in my moth - er's womb.
 you would still be there.

D.C.

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The Great Thanksgiving *from Book of Common Prayer 1979, Eucharistic Prayer A*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Spoken Sanctus: *(8am only)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus: Gather Hymnal #222 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (10am only)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes a key signature change to 2/4 time for the final phrase. At the bottom of the score, it reads: "Text: ICEL, © 2010 Music: Mass for a New World, David Haas, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc."

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The Presider continues: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary, Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Members of the congregation who wish to do so may join hands during The Lord's Prayer.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *[The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.]*

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

The Invitation


Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #950 "Take And Eat"


Refrain

The image shows the musical notation for the Communion Hymn "Take And Eat" from Gather Hymnal #950. It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics under the first staff are "Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics "giv - en up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:". The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics "this is my blood giv - en up for you." and ends with a double bar line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.


Verses



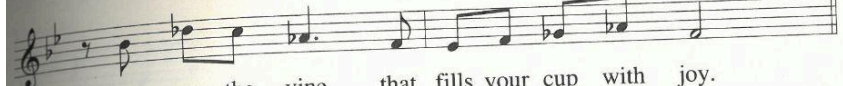
1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
 2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
 3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
 4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;
 5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
 6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day;
 A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;
 I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
 You are my flock: you know the shep - herd's voice;
 You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;
 I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;
 I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;



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I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
 Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
 You are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

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The Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori *(for those livestreaming from home):*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Presider In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

The Presider commends the Eucharistic Visitor to visit a member of the congregation then says,

We who have received the gift of Christ,

People **Share our hope in the breaking of Bread.**

Blessing

Presider May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #590 "Christ, Be Our Light"

Verses



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



'light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
shared un - til all are fed.
walls made of liv - ing stone.
mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

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The Great Beginning

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Altar Memorial

This Sunday's sanctuary candle was given by the Altar Guild.

Today's Ministry Team:

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaele

Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker

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