



July 12, 2026
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a “first-timer,” a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God’s Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Baloche/arr.Tornquist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, let us gather to worship and praise
God's name.

**All: We give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart.
We will glorify your name forever!**

One: For great is your steadfast love for us.

All: You have delivered our souls from the depths.

One: God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you
wherever you go."

All: Come, let us worship God who meets us here.

*WE ALL SING

How Majestic Is Your Name

#42

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life, you
are not bound by our visions, our structures, our
doctrine. We cannot predict your coming or going, yet
you have given us your story, your family, your work to
do. Meet us here. Shape us for service in your world, for
we carry the name of Jesus and live by the power of
your breath. Amen.**

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those near you, in
whatever way you are most comfortable.

*Response

God Welcomes All

John Bell

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

GIFT OF MUSIC

Blessed Assurance

Pam Kothrade, soloist

*SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So, Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; the house of God.

SERMON

"The Dash"

Pastor Bob

*WE ALL SING

Surely the Presence

#131

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Progressive Christian Alliance

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives; whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth; whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all; and, whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we trust that love. And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others: to seek justice and to live in peace; to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness and in the power of the Spirit of Love; and in the company of all the faithful – past, present, and yet to come – so to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

• For **Jill U's friend, Nichola**

• from the **Prayer Box**: for the **Ramirez/Olson family** who are grieving a loss

• Continued prayers for **Joan A's grandson, Blair**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: God blesses us that we might carry blessings into the world. Give with grateful hearts as the ushers receive the morning offering.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

Smith/arr.Wolaver

*WE ALL SING

Doxology

tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise. In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets. As we present our offering, we pray that you would use us, for we come in the name of Jesus and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. Amen.

*WE ALL SING

Great Is the Lord

#50

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

The Trees of the Field

#710

*POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dykes/arr. Bock

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Assemble lunch bags for laundry ministry

Wednesday, July 15

Hunger Task Force, 9-11am

NEXT SUNDAY

Christmas in July

Greeters: Dick & Joan Gaeth

Counters: Janet Key, Joyce Zieman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas in July | Christmas doesn't have to be only once a year. Join us for worship on **July 19**, and we'll be celebrating Christmas in July! We will sing familiar carols and hear the story of Jesus' birth. Christmas is also a time of giving. Will you make a gift to our "Christmas in July Offering"? Please plan on attending this special service. One lucky person will receive a beautiful Christmas gift basket on July 19th, and it just might be YOU!

This summer, we are making some much-needed repairs to our boiler and having the east side of our building repaired and repainted. Stewardship has set a fundraising goal of \$5000 to offset these capital expenditures. They hope to have that in **by July 31st**. Please consider making a \$250 gift in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the US. Of course, a gift of any size is greatly appreciated. Look for the Christmas tree in the chapel as it tracks our progress toward our \$5,000 goal!

Please note: When offering your Christmas gift, please place it in its own envelope, marked "My Christmas In July Offering", separate from your weekly offering envelope.

Join us for Christmas in July. Bring your generous gifts. Invite a friend to come along as well. The more the merrier! May the spirit of Christmas inspire generous hearts and joyful giving.

Merry Christmas!

Pam Kothrade

Hunger Task Force | We'll be working at Hunger Task Force (5000 W Electric Ave) on **Wednesday July 15, from 9am to 11am** assembling food boxes for seniors. This is a fun and fast-paced opportunity to do some real good for our seniors. Please sign up on the Lenox Street bulletin board. Any questions, see *Andy Oren*.

Bay View Community Center Fundraiser | The annual Bay View Community Center fundraiser at the South Shore Yacht Club is on **Thursday, September 3**. We have 6 members who plan to attend. Adding two more people to our table would provide a complete table for the reservation. The cost is about \$70 each. Contact *Pastor Bob or Randene* soon if you're interested in attending.

Sunday School | There will be no Sunday School class in July or August. Watch for information about Rally Day in September. For more information, contact *Michael Key or Pastor Bob*.

Thank You! | Many thanks to everyone that contributed to the Habitat for Humanity Welcome Basket. Thanks to our wonderful congregation, we received every item on the list. What a wonderful gift for a family starting in their new Habitat home. We are truly blessed to have such a caring congregation.
With grateful hearts & thanks!
Your Social Concerns Committee

Christmas in



Monthly Activity	June	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$7,035	\$97,658
Expenses	\$17,570	\$119,182
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$108,310
<i>Last week's offering: \$3,832</i>		

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