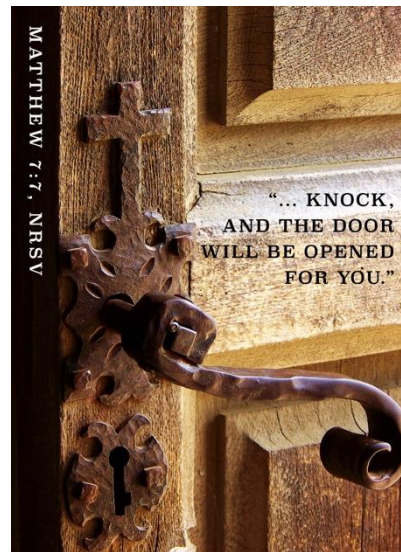


July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgists:

8:30am Joyce Teghtmeyer;

10:30am Madella Shelton



Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Rev. Chuck Horton

Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

Sophia Lee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: From the beginning of time, humans have been searching for something more.

People: We have been trying to find our way back into the Garden.

Leader: We have been trying to find God and we have been trying to find our true self.

People: This search leads some of us into the worst misery and others into the greatest joy.

Leader: For Adam and Eve the search became misery because they were looking to find their identity in the wrong place.

People: But for those who find Jesus, they not only find God's true self in him, they find their own true self in him, for in Jesus we find the fullness of God and we find the fullness of what we are meant to be.

Leader: As St. Augustine said so long ago, "You, O God, have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee."

People: Jesus yelled to the crowd, "If you are thirsty, come to me, and I will give you drink."

All: Lord Jesus, we come to you!

Opening Hymn

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

UMH 405

UNISON PRAYER

Liturgist

We come to you this day, seeking more. The scripture tells us that God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, so that we might grow into full maturity, which is the full measure of the stature of Christ. Work in us this day, and stir us up to seek for you. Bless our singing of hymns today, our prayers, our reading of your scriptures, and our search for Jesus himself. We read that when the multitudes went out to find Jesus they found far more than they had dreamed. So, Lord, let us find you, in this place, on this morning, and in finding you, may we find our true selves. It is in Jesus' saving name that we pray. Amen.

Doxology

UMH 94

Lesson from the Gospel

Matthew 7:7-10 (TLT)

Rev. Chuck Horton

Sermon

Rev. Chuck Horton

“Asking, Seeking, Knocking”

Special Music

“Lord, I Stretch My Hands To You”

by Jay Althouse

Bridgett Sims, Maryjane Eldred, Joyce Tegtmeyer, Faye Henson

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

UMH 351

Benediction

Parting Song

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

vs 1 only UMH 397

Postlude

Sophia Lee