

Grace United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 19, 2020
Worship



Tacuina Sanitatis, 14th century

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We Gather

Prelude "Morning Meditation", Jason W. Krug Jonas Dawson

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 139)

This is the Day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

All: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" NCH #4 (insert)

Opening Prayer

We Listen

First Reading Genesis 28:10-19a

Special Music "On Eagle's Wings",
words and music by Michael Joncas Jonas Dawson

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

Children's Message

Sermon

"Hymns I Hate the Most "

Pastor Rob

Response Hymn

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

NCH #500

1 We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
bearers of the cross.

2 Every round goes higher, higher,
every round goes higher, higher,
every round goes higher, higher,
bearers of the cross.

3 Rise, shine, give God glory,
rise, shine, give God glory,
rise, shine, give God glory,
bearers of the cross.

We Respond

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Sing Them Over Again to Me"

NCH #319 (insert)

Dismissal

Postlude

"A Praising", Gilbert M. Martin

Jonas Dawson

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# Sing Them Over Again to Me

(Wonderful Words of Life)

Philip P. Bliss, 1874; alt.

1 Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won - der - ful words of life;  
 2 Christ, the bless - ed one, gives to all won - der - ful words of life;  
 3 Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won - der - ful words of life;

let me more of their beau - ty see, won - der - ful words of life;  
 sin - ner, wake to the lov - ing call, won - der - ful words of life;  
 of - fer par - don and peace to all, won - der - ful words of life;

Words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.  
 All so free - ly giv - en, our sure hope of heav - en.  
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, keep me with you for - ev - er.

*Refrain*

Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.

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Philip Bliss wrote this text and tune for the first issue of Words of Life (1874). A few years later it was sung as a duet during an evangelistic campaign and became popular immediately.

Tune: WORDS OF LIFE C.M. with refrain  
 Philip P. Bliss, 1874



# Daily Bible Readings

## July 2020

**Wednesday,**

**July 1, 2020:**

Psalm 47; Isaiah 51:1-3; Matthew 11:20-24 OR

Psalm 119:161-168; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24

**Thursday, July 2, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 25:19-27; Romans 7:1-6 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6

**Friday, July 3, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20

**Saturday, July 4, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24

**Sunday, July 5, 2020: Proper 9 (14)**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 • Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14 • Romans 7:15-25a • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Monday, July 6, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 27:30-46; Romans 1:18-25 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:1-14; Romans 3:1-8 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:31-35; John 13:1-17 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17

**Thursday, July 9, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 2:12-16 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16

**Friday, July 10, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 15:14-21 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21

**Saturday, July 11, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 2:1-4; John 12:44-50 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50

**Sunday, July 12, 2020: Proper 10 (15)**

Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112 • Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 • Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Monday, July 13, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Micah 1:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 OR Psalm 92; Leviticus 26:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

**Tuesday, July 14, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Jeremiah 49:7-11; Ephesians 4:17-5:2 OR Psalm 92; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Obadiah 15-21; Matthew 13:10-17 OR Psalm 92; Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17

**Thursday, July 16, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-9 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9

**Friday, July 17, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Hebrews 6:13-20 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20

**Saturday, July 18, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Exodus 14:9-25; Matthew 7:15-20 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20

**Sunday, July 19, 2020: Proper 11 (16)**

**Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 • Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17 • Romans 8:12-25 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**Monday, July 20, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20 OR Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1-13; Revelation 14:12-20

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1 OR Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-13; Galatians 4:21-5:1

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21 OR Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13; Matthew 12:15-21

**Thursday, July 23, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

**Friday, July 24, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53

**Saturday, July 25, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42

**Sunday, July 26, 2020: Proper 12 (17)**

**Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 • 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136 • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

**Monday, July 27, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:25-36; James 3:13-18 OR Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:37-43; Ephesians 6:10-18 OR Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Ephesians 6:10-18

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 46:2-47:12; Mark 4:30-34 OR Psalm 119:121-128; Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33; Mark 4:30-34

**Thursday, July 30, 2020:**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 14:1-2; Philippians 4:10-15 OR Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Proverbs 10:1-5; Philippians 4:10-15

**Friday, July 31, 2020:**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 41:8-10; Romans 9:6-13 OR Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 51:17-23; Romans 9:6-13





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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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