

# Grace United Church of Christ

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, July 26, 2020  
Worship



Parable of the Hidden Treasure by [Rembrandt](#) (c. 1630).

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

***We Gather***

Prelude "In Heavenly Love Abiding", David H. Hegarty Jonas Dawson

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 105:1-11, 45b)

- L: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.
- P: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God and tell of all the wonderful works. Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the the Holy One rejoice.**
- L: Seek the LORD and all strength; seek God's presence continually. Remember the wonderful works that have been done, the miracles, and the judgments God uttered.
- P: O offspring of Abraham, children of Jacob, chosen ones. This is the LORD our God; whose judgments are in all the earth.**
- L: God is mindful of the covenant forever, of the word that was commanded, for a thousand generations. Come, let us praise the LORD!

Reflection Song A Place at the Table (W&S 3149 verses 1,3)

***Please Note: CDC guidelines state that congregational singing is NOT recommended at this time. We are still including hymns (2 verses) as reflection music. You may read the words, enjoy the tune, be in reflective prayer or even lip sync or hum the tune!***

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain:  
And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. [Refrain]

Opening Prayer unison)

**Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come creator into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. Amen.**

***We Listen***

First Reading	Romans 8:26-39	
Special Music	"A Song of Peace", David H. Hegarty	Jonas Dawson
Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor
Children's Message		
Sermon	"Separation Anxiety"	Pastor Rob

## ***We Respond***

Reflection Music

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

NCH #325 (v1-2)

1. Child of blessing, child of promise, love's creation, love indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

2. Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you, blessing you in Jesus' name.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

Reflection Music

"I Was There to Hear your Borning Cry"

NCH # 351 (v1-2)

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun.

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

Dismissal

Postlude

"Festive Toccata", Matthew McConnell

Jonas Dawson

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## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

*Today we welcome James Cash Crum into the Family of God through the sacrament of Baptism. Cash is the son of Jeff and Dana and the Grandson of Doug and Vonnie Crum. God Bless Cash!*

## Grace goes LIVE!

Please know that today's service is being live-streamed for those who can not worship with us in person. If you prefer NOT to be in the live stream video, please sit in pews behind the center pillars.

The children's moment will be on camera as well.

If you would like your child NOT to be on camera, please speak to our AV team or an usher.

***(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)***



# 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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