

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 9:00AM

Order of Worship

Worship For Life liturgy

(maroon Hymnal Supplement, located on shelf below the ELW large red hymnal)

Prelude- Be Thou My Vision arrangements by James Carraway & John Rutter

Welcome

Opening Hymn- ELW #533 vs. 1-3 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole (Worship For Life folder)

Prayer of the Day-

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Hymn of Praise- Rise Up With Him (Worship For Life folder)

Special Music- God, We Gather as Your People Jenny Magee, Vocal Solo

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NRSVUE

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon- Guest Rev. Kurt Billings

Hymn of the Day- ELW #679 For the Fruit of All Creation

Prayers of the People- (response to 'Lord, in your Mercy' is 'Hear our prayer.')

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Response- I Will Give Thanks to the Lord (Worship For Life folder)

P: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them as what we have to offer today and please move us with mercy to continue sharing our gifts with love. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer- **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

Music during Distribution- This Do in Remembrance of Me (Worship For Life folder)

Communion Hymn- ELW #483 Here is Bread

Post Communion- You Are Lord (Worship For Life folder)

Post Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn- ELW #550 On What Has Now Been Sown

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude- Ain'a That Good News! Arranged by John Carter

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Musicians:

Sherry Johnson, Director of Music, sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org

Jenny Magee- Song Leader & Vocal Soloist

Sherry Johnson- Pianist

Greeter: Kristina Luedtke

Ushers: Kevin Arvold, Mike Smith, Byron Dennison, Dave Hineline

Communion Assistants: Kristina Luedtke, Jan Dennison, Elaine Mischler

Bread Bakers: Carolyn Niehoff, Jackie Erlandson, Paulette Emberson

Audio/Visual Team: The Walkes

Communion Setup: Mike and Carolyn Niehoff

Sunday Morning Hospitality Time (Coffee & Donuts): Janell Benish

Pastoral Team:

Rev. Karen Locken, Lead Pastor karen.locken@explorepeace.org

Rev. Doug Locken, Congregational Life Pastor doug.locken@explorepeace.org