

Date: July 7, 2024
Season of the Holy Spirit
Holy Communion

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.
Life torments us and we dissolve like dust. And when abuse is raging; and sleep neglects its job; and sadness and hardships rule, Christ, please gather us close to you. Wrap us in the comfort of your love and make all our weakness grace.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Traditional

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us...

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

God calls to us not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us *Beloved* in the fullness of who we are. Amen.

***Hymn**

*When Peace like a River
It Is Well with My Soul*

GTG 840

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison) Liturgist

Merciful God, of what do we boast? Can we truly say with Paul that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements? Does the danger in such thinking lie in the next step—the thought that we can do anything, or all things—by ourselves... that we can ignore you, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way? Forgive us, O God, and permeate our lives with your grace, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake. Fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you that we are truly strong. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** Jesus, Draw Me Close Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Source: New International Version (NIV)

Anthem *Bridge Over Troubled Water* Paul Simon

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:1-13 Pastor Eddie

Source: New International Version (NIV)

Reflection Turning Weakness into Strength

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles Creed* GTG p. 17

Prayers of the People of God - Joys and Hopes

The Act of Gratitude Offertory GTG 789

Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist

Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn of Invitation** *Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died...Christ is risen...Christ will come again.

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted. And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we pray the way your son, our Lord and Savior taught us to pray..." Our Father..."

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*(Please partake of the bread when you are served.
Please hold the cup until all are served)*

Communion Prayer

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn** *Amazing Grace* GTG 649

***Benediction**

Postlude *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* Traditional

Next Week's Liturgist: Dave Norton

Thank you to Sarah Altvater for today's communion bread.

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Jim Reed

Ushers: Greg Estes and Jim Miller

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

WHERE'S EDDIE?

Pastor and Pam will be out of town on vacation from Monday, July 15th to 22nd.

Rev. Marjorie Egger will lead worship on Sunday, June 21. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Charles Gilmore (charlesgilmore11372@gmail.com or 917-940-5223).

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesdays, September 18 – October 16- Adult Ed Bible Study
“Picturing Scripture” with Alan Keohane

Jim Miller announced that **Lewes Cycle Sports** donated three additional bikes to the Springboard Pallet Village. The bikes had been fully reconditioned and ready to ride! Mission Outreach thanks the Kellman family for their caring ways. Again, the seeds of generosity continue to sprout!

WEDNESDAYS: JULY 10 – AUGUST 21 @ 10am- 11:30am SUMMER BIBLE STUDY (6 weeks). Study presented by Pastor Charles Gilmore and Dave Norton. Texts are available in the office; The Living God by Alister McGrath. \$15.

Meeting Dates: (**NOTE**-1st session is at Westminster, remaining sessions will be held at Coolspring.

Date	Topic	Location
July 10	Describing God	Westminster
July 17	A Personal God	Coolspring
July 24	God Almighty	Coolspring
August 7	God as Creator	Coolspring
August 14	The Trinity	Coolspring
August 21	Divine Attributes	Coolspring

SUNDAY, JULY 14 @ 10AM – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP

Please join us downstairs immediately following the service for light refreshments. The Fellowship Committee is hosting this week's refreshments.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sarah Ortolani's son-in-law, Robert, is hospitalized for breathing difficulties following a water-skiing incident. May God, in his infinite wisdom and goodness, guide Robert's medical care and restore his health. May the Holy Spirit comfort his loving family, especially his adoring children and grandchildren, who are very anxious about him.

Two friends and neighbors of **Karen Palermo and Lois Ford** need of our prayers. **Susan** suffered multiple, severe and traumatic injuries as a result of a motor vehicle collision. She remains in critical condition at Christiana Hospital. The other neighbor, **Bob**, is transitioning to hospice care. We lift our voices up to heaven asking for the touch of God's righteous right hand to heal and restore Susan, and for the Holy Ghost to bring peace and comfort to Bob, as well as the family and friends of both these dear people.

Surgery/Recovery

Bill (friend of Don Foraker)

Don Foraker and his daughter, Tammy Foraker

Lois Ann Rayner

Trenton Teixeira (grandson of John Still and Sandra Jofre)

Ailing

Eric and Dana (son and daughter-in-law of Ernesto and Joan Velez)

Steven Conrad

Carol Geiger (cousin of Charlotte Jacobs)

Betty Jean Schwarz