

Worship for July 11

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

We worship God with Song and dance,
Singing God's praise and shouting for joy.
We worship God with silence and sighs,
Grieving for loss and longing for comfort.
We worship God with prayers and hands,
Praying for healing and working for peace.
Let us create a sabbath space
And worship the God who gives us life.

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OPENING MUSIC – *Prelude in D*, J.S. Bach

Michael Parker

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Rev. Scott Lawson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know you call your people to lives of service and works of justice. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown out your call. Forgive us when we keep our days just busy enough to convince ourselves that we have a righteous excuse. We know that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world. Heal us of our blindness and free us to begin anew covered by your grace. (silent prayers)

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN – *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*, Hymn 839

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Scott Lawson

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 6: 14-29

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The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

SERMON – *Giving In*

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ANTHEM – *My Grateful Spirit Sings*, Sally DeFord

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN – *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*, Hymn 649, verses 1,3,5

BENEDICTION

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