

Worship for July 18

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Scott Lawson

I will extol you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, his greatness is unsearchable.
(Psalm 145)

**OPENING MUSIC – Pie Jesu from *Requiem*, Andrew Lloyd Webber
Mary Overman, Jennifer Overman – vocals**

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, Hymn 310, verses 1,2,5

PASSING THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 2:11-22**Rev. Newton Cowan****One in Christ**

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

SERMON – *Who Is In and Who Is Out?***Rev. Newton Cowan****ANTHEM – One Voice, Ruth Moody****Mary Overman, Jenny Overman, Eynne Franklin – vocals; Scott Lawson - guitar****INVITATION TO GENEROSITY****Rev. Scott Lawson****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****Rev. Scott Lawson****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**Rev. Scott Lawson****HYMN – My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, Hymn 803, verses 1,3****BENEDICTION****Rev. Newton Cowan**