

**Welcome to Church of Christ - August 2, 2026**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost & Communion**  
*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

**Welcome**

*Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!*

**Prelude**      *I Come with Joy* - arr. C. Callahan

**Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 17)      ~Heather Thomson

Leader: Attend to my cry, O Lord;  
            give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.  
People: If you try our hearts, if you visit me us night, if you test us,  
            may you find no wickedness in us; may our mouths not transgress.  
Leader: As for what others do, by the word of your lips  
            I have avoided the ways of the violent.  
People: Our steps have held fast to your paths;  
            our feet have not slipped.  
Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O God;  
            incline your ear to me; hear my words.  
People: As for us, we shall behold your face in righteousness;  
            when we awake we shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

**Moment of Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)**

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 trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Hymn 706**      *I Come with Joy*      (*Worship and Rejoice*)

Vs 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Vs 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

Vs 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

Vs 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Vs 5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

All are welcome to partake. Grape juice, not wine, is served.

#### **Invitation**

#### **Consecration and Service**

**Prayer of Gratitude (unison)** – Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace. Amen

**Scripture**      Genesis 32:22-31

~Heather Thomson

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

**Sermon**      "Limps, Lumps, Scars and More"

**Hymn 349**      *Seek Ye First*

(*Worship and Rejoice*)

Please remain seated:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!

**Light of Service**      *Norfolk Fire Dept. Scholarship Fund*

~Brian and Steven Hutchins

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

**Offertory**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* - arr. C. Callahan

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates**

## **Sharing Prayer Concerns**

## **Silent Prayer and Meditation**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Hymn 358**     *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*     *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix is us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Vs 2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Vs 3 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Vs 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **Our Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Benediction**

### **Postlude**     *Creation* - arr. C. Callahan

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

**We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information.**

**If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick  
(860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).**

**Members needing our prayers:**

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Bill Eckert, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ernie Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

**Ongoing concerns for our  
relatives and friends:**

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim (Sue Allen), Susannah, Katie B., Kelly W. (Sue Allen), Nell, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Ray Beyers & Misty Carbone, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Edie Bruckner, Ron and Rev. Karen Burger (Gary Boucher), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Hope Childs, Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Godshall family (Liz Allyn), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Pat Lowell, Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Ryan Sterba, Barbara Storrs (Debbie Storrs), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Keegan Zygmunt

**Those who are grieving: the families of:**

Ernest Dibble, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, Karen Linden, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Sally Quale, Constance Rotondo, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie, Carrie Stetson, Chris Williams, and the Cornwall UCC

**In the wider community**

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, Africa and all enduring ongoing violence, the people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, our Canadian neighbors who have been impacted by wildfires, *Norfolk Fire Dept Scholarship Fund*