

July 20, 2025: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

~~ *GATHERING BEFORE GOD* ~~

**GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS
~ CONCERNS ~ GOD MOMENTS ~**

✠ **HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103
The Light of Christ Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *by Dr. Lisa Hancock*
Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved
into the neighborhood.

We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.
In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to
access.

We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.
In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and
creation has been removed. We are free for divine and
loving connection once again.

We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.
Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose
power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect
Love to the world.

**Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell
among us and within us!**

~~ *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD* ~~

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Amos 8:1-12

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 52 NRSV

CHORAL HYMN "Victory in Jesus" UMH #370

EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:38-42

CHILDREN'S TIME

✠ **HYMN** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399

MESSAGE "Image of the Invisible"

~~ RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT ~~

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UMH 880

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

† **Doxology**

UMH #95

OFFERTORY / PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

~~ SENDING FORTH ~~

The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World

† **HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"**

UMH #545

BENEDICTION

† Postlude **"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

TFWS #2173

† *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

Scriptures for July 27 (7th Sunday after Pentecost):

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

Thank you for joining us for worship.

~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~

TODAY:

8:15(ish) Georgetown UMC Administrative Board

9:00 am Worship – Georgetown UMC

10:30 am Worship – South Otselic UMC

11:45(ish) South Otselic UMC Administrative Board

WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:

† **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm
no office hours Aug 13 & 14, 21 & 22

† **Youth Group** – 2nd & 3rd Sunday, noon to 2 pm, So.Ot.

† **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3rd Sunday 8 am;
South Otselic, 4th Sunday 11:45(ish) am;
South Otselic meeting this month will be July 20

† **Food Pantry** – 3rd Thursday each month 3-6 pm
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941

- † **Sunshine Shop** Thu 10-4; Fri 11-5; Sat 9-noon
 - Next open July 24-26, Aug 7-9, Aug 21-23
 - For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.
- † **60+ dinners** – biweekly, South Otselic UMC, 5 pm;
 - upcoming July 25, Aug 8, Aug 22, Sep 5, Sep 19

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- † VBS – August 4-8, pm, South Otselic UMC

PRAYER LIST:(Short Term):

[From 7/13](#) – Gail Evans-Burpee, Chris & Lori Marquard, Justin Sheldon, Travis Sheldon, Monty Warner, rescue personnel & loved ones of victims missing post-flood

[From 7/6](#) –Nikko Baker, Paul Carson, Armand Lavigne, family of Jeffery Maxson, family of James Ryan, Texas flood victims, food pantries

[From 6/29](#) – Angela Harris, school students/staff/graduates

[From 6/22](#) – family of Michael Sheridan, Middle East, flood victims

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, David Boyer, Richard Bishop, Paul Carson, Margaret Chase, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Doug (& Kathe) Evans, Linda Excell, Ted Gargas, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Chris Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, David Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends

Our men and women in the military

World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

July: 20-Amelia Newton; 21-Fran Knickerbocker;
26-Kellie Bishop

August: 11-Ann Parkhurst; 26-Lydia Newton;
29-Jaclyn Hakes; 31-Chuck Hathaway

A close-up, angled view of a tablet displaying an email application interface. The screen shows a list of email folders on the left (Inbox, Starred, Snoozed, Sent, Drafts, More) and a search bar at the top right. A specific email titled 'Image of the Invisible' is open, showing the sender 'Paul' and the email address 'paul@apostle.com'. The interface is clean and modern, with a light gray background and dark text. The tablet is shown at an angle, emphasizing its sleek design.

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Psalm 52

(NRSV)

¹ Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly?

All day long

² **you are plotting destruction.**

Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery.

³ **You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth.**

⁴ You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

⁵ **But God will break you down forever;**

he will snatch and tear you from your tent;

he will uproot you from the land of the living.

⁶ The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,

⁷ **"See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!"**

⁸ But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

⁹ I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Amos 8:1-12

(NRSV)

¹ This is what the Lord God showed me--a basket of summer fruit.

² He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹ On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.

¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Colossians 1:15-28

(NRSV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him--

²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10:38-42

(NRSV)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."