

GATHERING, PRELUDE, O Day of God, Draw Nigh 730
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jul 26 – 10:30am Christmas in July service, at WCUMC
and holiday meal following worship at WCUMC.
Aug 1 Men's Fellowship 8:00 am at Panera - Urbana
2 Holy Communion
16 "Hub" picnic – evening, in Mt. Airy

CALL TO WORSHIP Ps 86
With all we are, we give thanks to God;
We will glorify God's name forever!
For great is the faithful love of God for us.

HYMN: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come 694

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Matt. 13:43) from FotW
**Harvesting God, as we listen to your Word,
by your Holy Spirit lead our hearts in the way everlasting. Amen**

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 29:15-28 and Romans 8:26-39

CONFESSION adapted from Ginna Bairby from PO
**Lord, you have set us in this world to love and serve you
by loving and serving one another,
to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us.
When we fail, do not abandon us.
When we go astray, call us back home.
Search us O God, and know our hearts.
Test us and know our thoughts.
Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.
{silent prayers}**

ASSURANCE Ps. 86
our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
God invites us into reconciliation and peace.
God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. Amen

CHOIR: Nearer, My God, to Thee 528

SERMON Awake to the Inheritance:
Security in the Exile

HYMN: O God, our help in ages past 117
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895
BRINGING OUR GIFTS
DOXOLOGY 95
PRAYER adapted from Ginna Bairby from PO

**Gracious God, you have sown good seed among us.
Receive now the first-fruits of what you have planted,
the good gifts of our lives, time and resources,
to further your kingdom of heaven. Amen**

HYMN: I want to walk as a child of the light 206

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING adapted from Ginna Bairby from PO
As we go from this place, let us look for God
in unexpected places and unexpected people.
Let us love and serve our Lord
by loving and serving those around us.
Let us honor the most vulnerable and lift up the weak,
rejoicing in God's presence among us.
And may the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of the Creator God,
and the connecting power of the Holy Spirit
accompany us all on our journeys.

Amen
POSTLUDE Every Time I Feel the Spirit 404
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**For "Christmas in July" we will do something different, but...
Lectionary Scriptures for Next Week –**

Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (or Psalm 128)
OR 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39 and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

Year A – July 19, 2026 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures:

Genesis 28:10-19a	and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
OR Isaiah 44:6-8	and Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25	and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Questions for Reflection:

What does it mean to wait with patience for the coming reign of God?
How has your understanding of the relationship between suffering and faith (or vulnerability and trust) changed over time?
What experiences of God's grace do you need to acknowledge and anoint?

Morning Prayers:

Holy One, I awake into a sense of your presence with me.
From time to time today, remind me that each day
is a journey into the unknown
but that there is nowhere I can go where you are not with me.
Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth. Amen.

In whatever shelter I wake this morning
I know this place is holy because you meet me here.
As I wash my body and prepare for the day,
I remember baptismal waters and the claim upon my life.
Wherever darkness looms, Sovereign God,
traffic in mercy this day. Traffic in mercy this day. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.
You have been my comfort and help, my strength and my shield.
As I drift into sleep, I praise your name
and rest in the knowledge that you are always with me.
Amen.

As darkness spreads over the land, I trust that you move in it.
As I yield the night to sleep and dreams,
I pray you would remake me into a servant bold, for the sake of Jesus.
Amen.



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2026 **11:00 AM**

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