



# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

## We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

**People: Let us worship our Savior with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.**

Leader: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

**People: Let us worship God.**

Confession

Call to Confession (Leader)

Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

**Prayer of Confession** (People)

**Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen**

Declaration of Forgiveness (Leader)

Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore, be at peace.

Opening Hymn #581

*Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

## Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen

## We Hear the Word

Scripture

Mark 6:14-29

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

## We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #78

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #628

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Benediction

## Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**People: Praise be to God!**

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## Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

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## **Mark 6:14-29** New Living Translation

<sup>14</sup> Herod Antipas, the king, soon heard about Jesus, because everyone was talking about him. Some were saying, “This must be John the Baptist raised from the dead. That is why he can do such miracles.” <sup>15</sup> Others said, “He’s the prophet Elijah.” Still others said, “He’s a prophet like the other great prophets of the past.”

<sup>16</sup> When Herod heard about Jesus, he said, “John, the man I beheaded, has come back from the dead.”

<sup>17</sup> For Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip’s wife, but Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> John had been telling Herod, “It is against God’s law for you to marry your brother’s wife.” <sup>19</sup> So Herodias bore a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But without Herod’s approval she was powerless, <sup>20</sup> for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> Herodias’s chance finally came on Herod’s birthday. He gave a party for his high government officials, army officers, and the leading citizens of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> Then his daughter, also named Herodias, came in and performed a dance that greatly pleased Herod and his guests. “Ask me for anything you like,” the king said to the girl, “and I will give it to you.” <sup>23</sup> He even vowed, “I will give you whatever you ask, up to half my kingdom!”

<sup>24</sup> She went out and asked her mother, “What should I ask for?”

Her mother told her, “Ask for the head of John the Baptist!”

<sup>25</sup> So the girl hurried back to the king and told him, “I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!”

<sup>26</sup> Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn’t refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John’s head and bring it to him. The soldier beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When John’s disciples heard what had happened, they came to get his body and buried it in a tomb.

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