

August 10th, 2025 9th after Pentecost.

The Women of Summer: Esther

Thought to ponder: *If I perish, I perish.*

- Queen Esther

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: VU #316 Praise Our Maker

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship:

One: Let us come before God with a thankful heart.

All: We lift up our hearts with gratitude, and our voices with praise for all that God has done.

One: Wait upon the Lord who is our help and shield.

All: We trust in God's holy name and so we come to worship.

Hymn: MV #131 You, Creator God, Have Searched Me

You, Creator God,
have searched me

and you know my ways
 You perfectly understand me;
 it's my cause of praise.
 I cannot escape your presence
 in air, land or sea.
 Your arms of love and protection
 are always with me.

**You know me, O God,
 you have made me,
 I am proud I'm the work of your hand.
 In my waking and sleeping moments,
 With my being I will praise your name.**

You created light and darkness
 and you love them both.
 You blessed the womb of my mother,
 you brought me to birth
 In your image and your likeness,
 wonderfully made.
 I will lift my voice to praise you,
 you are God indeed.

Refrain

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Gathering Prayer:

**God of promise and purpose, you have
 called us to be your people and given
 us a purpose for our lives each day.
 You created the world and all that is in
 in it and you work for reconciliation
 and renewal among us. We gather to
 worship and adore you, and to be
 renewed to live out your purpose in**

the week ahead. We seek your wisdom and guidance to lead us through the choices we face and the challenges that surround us. You are our God and we offer you our faithfulness and praise, so the world will see that we belong to you. Amen.

Time for Young at Heart:

It's Okay to be Afraid

Hymn: O Great Earth x2

**O Great Earth so green and blue,
This is the promise
that I'll make to you:
To care for your _ _ _
For _ _ _ can hear
The rhythm of your heartbeat.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:

Esther 2: 17-20

Esther 4: 1-7

Esther 7: 1-10

Reflection: Long live the Queen

Prayers of the People

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
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 and
ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication:

**Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these
gifts to share. Bless what we offer for
your purposes. Give us courage to
offer ourselves more fully to you, so
that our lives bring you honour and
glory through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: VU #316 Praise our Maker

**Praise our Maker,
peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!
Praise our Maker,
peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!**

**Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
 God is love, God is love!
 Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
 God is love, God is love!**

**Care for others, children of the Spirit:
 God is love, God is love!
 Care for others, children of the Spirit:
 God is love, God is love!**

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Benediction:

Sung Benediction: My Peace

**My peace I give unto you.
 It's a peace that the world
 cannot give.
 It's a peace that the world
 cannot understand.
 Peace to know, Peace to live.
 My peace I give unto you.**

**My love I give unto you.
 It's a love that the world
 cannot give.
 It's a love that the world
 cannot understand.
 Love to know, Love to live.
 My love I give unto you.**



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Announcements

August 10th, 2025 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Reader for this week: Al

Reader for next week: Sue Ness

Greeter this week: Gordon and Karen

Greeter next week: Frank and Audrey

Tellers this week: Susan and Lori

Tellers next week: Muriel and John

A/V this week: Al

A/V next week: :Lloyd

Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service -

Next Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service –

Linnea Good: This event has been cancelled.

Put it on your calendar: **October 26. The NATIONAL PREMIERE of Vivaldi's Four Seasons transposed for four part choral voices. 2pm at St. Paul's Sussex.**

If you have any reusable shopping bags that you have accumulated and no longer require or wonder what to do with them, please bring them into the church so we can get them to the Salvation Army, or take them there directly. Thank you for your continued support.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

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pwd=7lAYtPHcGTE

If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.