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**July 20, 2025
10:00 AM
2700 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95816**

PIONEER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 20 2025

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome! We're very glad you've come to this service today and we pray our experience of worship here will renew and inspire you. If you are not familiar with our practices of worship, the following information may be helpful to you:

1. *We are an Open and Affirming congregation. We welcome into full membership, leadership, and participation in our church all persons and their families, of every race, language, age, gender, gender identification and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, economic status, and personal opinion.*
2. *A cross "+" before a heading denotes standing if you are able:*
3. **Bold** print indicates that the congregation reads or sings aloud, in unison;
4. *An (*) indicates the selected hymn is a favorite hymn of the congregation.*
5. *All Bible readings are read from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise indicated.*
6. *Please silence your cell phone ringers;*
7. *If you have a prayer concern, you may fill out the prayer request form located in the back pews and the ushers will collect them later in the service.*
8. *If you are a guest with us, we invite you to fill out the Connection Card located with your Welcome Packet and place it in the offering plate in lieu of an offering. We have a special gift for you.*
9. *You are invited to join us for an informal time of coffee, food, and fellowship during our Fellowship Hour after the service.*
10. *We have a Pioneer Guest wifi signal throughout the church. Our wifi password is **welcome2700**. One way to promote our church is to let your friends on your social media know you're in church right now.*

If you have any questions about life in the Pioneer Church or have needs of a personal nature, please speak to the pastor. We are happy to do what we can to help.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**"No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey,
you are welcome here!"**

Prelude

Allemande from French Suite, BWV 816

J.S. Bach

The Light of Christ Enters

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Call

You Are Welcome Here

Gerard DeMan

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You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,
no mat-ter where you are_ on life's jour - ney,_ You are
wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,_ come and
join with us,_ we're u - ni-ted in the church of_ Christ._

Welcoming One Another (*said in unison*)

Psalm 118:24

Let us begin our worship service today by saying aloud our Opening Scripture:

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

+ The Passing of the Peace

+ Call to Worship (*read responsively*)

Inspired by Psalm 52

One: The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim the name of God, for it is good.

We thank you forever for what you have done.

Holy One, we trust in you. We take refuge in your safety. We call your presence our home.

We are like olive trees rooted in your soil—growing and fruitful. You nourish us and shine your light upon us.

Faithful God, in you, we find love and truth, abundance and compassion, community and care.

We praise and exalt you, Eternal One. We trust in your steadfast love forever and ever. Amen.

+ Opening Hymn*We Love Your Realm, O God***ST. THOMAS**


1 We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.
 2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life
 3 We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved
 4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,

We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.
 To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.
 The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.
 Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.

+ Opening Prayer (Pastor led)

Abiding God, we invite you to inhabit our space. We long to renew our minds, restore our souls, and rest our presence before you. Still, we bring the burdens we carry into this gathering. We hold our responsibilities, cares, and concerns. Let us bind ourselves in your love and strength, and in the community of the faithful and the curious. We affirm that this time with you and one another equips and fortifies us for the journey, helping us discern the better way. Be glorified in our worship. Be honored by our praise. Be known by your people, O Creator, Teacher, and Friend. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Introit (sung by all)

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. _____ There are

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. _____

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, _____ fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings _____ we lift our hearts in

praise; With - out a doubt we'll know _____ that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Food Pantry Dedication

We are called upon throughout the Scriptures to give to those who have less than we do. We're called to love and support them and to provide whatever sustenance we are able. We are also called to offer them hope.

Through our generosity, may we show that we love them, that we're merciful and kind, and more than anything, that the God we believe in loves them too.

Let us now bring our mission offerings up and dedicate them to God, to our church, and to one another.

As you come forward to place your mission donation in the baskets or on the altar, we invite you to say these words, "Receive my offering, O God."

Prayer of Dedication (*responsively*)

Please join me in our Food Pantry Dedication.

We offer these gifts to you, O God, to help care for the poor and hungry who need this food and these toiletries. Guide those who have much to care for those who have so little. We pray that you will bless those who receive these gifts and those who have given that, together, we might fulfill Jesus' commandment to love our neighbor. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Introduction to the Scripture Lesson

Paul writes to the early church that Christ reconciles all things to God, offering believers peace and a firm hope if they remain steadfast in faith.

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1:15-23

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.²³ But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

Introduction to the Gospel Lesson

Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary, where Martha busily prepares while Mary sits and listens to Jesus. When Martha complains, Jesus lifts up Mary's faith.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.”⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! ⁴²There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

This is the Word of the Lord. Let us respond by singing together our Scripture refrain.

Scripture Refrain (sung twice) *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

Unison E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat E \flat

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Sermon: “An Assurance Faith Gives Us”



Hymn*It Is Well with My Soul**

VILLE DU HAVRE

You may remain seated while singing this hymn. The Ushers will collect your prayer cards to be prayed for during the Prayers of the People.

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

Refrain

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul.

Pastoral Prayer

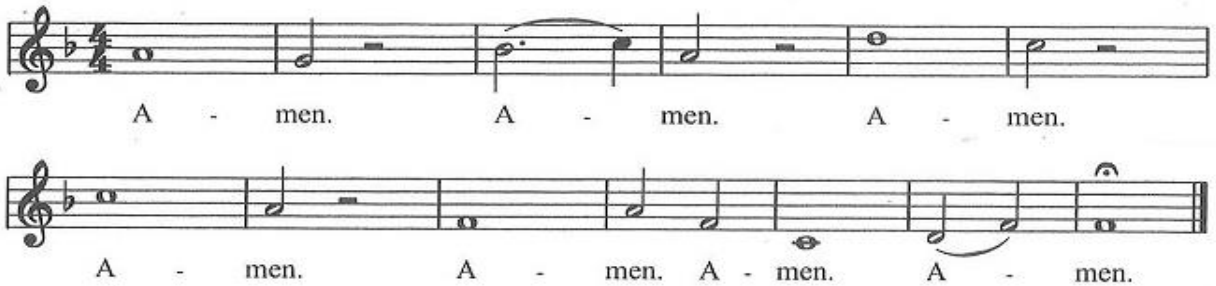
Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*said in unison;" sins;" or any version you choose to say*)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Response*Great Amen*

Carl MaultsBy

**Invitation to Generosity**

Let us give generously from the abundance of God's provision, demonstrate our trust in God's provision, and embrace mutuality with God's creation. The Ushers will now come forward to receive your pledges and offerings. We invite you to give in person, on our website, or mail in your offering today. Thank you.

Offertory Music*Sarabande, BWV 816*

Bach

+ The Doxology (*sung in unison*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

+ Prayer of Dedication (*said in unison*)

Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we celebrate the opportunity to contribute to the ministry of this faith community.

Receive the resources we offer in love and hope that needs will be met, lives will be changed, and the world will receive the testimony of compassionate care, action, and sharing. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

AZMON

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease
 4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given

The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

+ Commissioning Song (*sung in unison*)

SERVANT SONG

(Please face one another as you sing.)

We are pil-grims on a jour-ney. We are trav-lers on the road

We are here to help each oth-er go the mile and bear the load

+ Benediction

As you go, Boast in the goodness of God Live in the abundance of God's love.
Remember that you are more than enough. Find rest and joy in the day. Know hope
and safety in the night. Go, in peace to love and to serve. Amen.

Postlude

Gavotte, BWV 816

Bach

"Our worship has ended; our service continues."



Volunteers for today are: Reader: TBA **Usher:** Mary Kay Rose **Acolyte:** Randy
Triezenberg **Audio Visual Tech:** Scott Minor **Tellers:** Heidi Munoz & Xuan Guerrero
Fellowship: Linda Mendiola **Flowers:** TBA

Volunteers for next Sunday July 27th are: Reader: TBA **Usher:** Leslie Robinson
Acolyte: Garylee Stephenson **Audio Visual Tech:** Scott Minor **Tellers:** TBA
Fellowship: Emily **Flowers:** TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry Donations

Today, we collect non-perishable food pantry donations and travel-sized toiletries. And then take the donated food to the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership's Food Closet and the toiletries to Wind Youth Services during the week.

Remembering Your Pledges

As the summer months are upon us, we invite you to remember to contribute to your pledges and offerings. It's easy to forget to contribute, especially if you're traveling or participating in weekend summer activities.

Musical Review at FUMC

On Saturday, July 26, you are invited to the First United Methodist Church's musical review of music from The Supremes, The Jersey Boys, the Righteous Brothers, and shows such as Sister Act and others. The review is a fundraiser for their Community Meals program. They will have a dinner and a show. Tickets for both are \$30 each and \$15 for the show. Dinner is at 5:00 PM and the show starts at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in the Pioneer Church office or by calling First United Methodist Church.

Clothing Donations

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Avenue, is accepting clothing donations for its HART Respite program there that provides clothing, essentials, and food for the unhoused. Clothes can be donated Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The bundled cloths need to be marked for HART Respite. Just call the custodian at the church, his number is on the door there. They know where to put donations. Everyday clothes are asked for, nothing dressy. As an aside, Leslie Robinson is able to bring your donations with her when she volunteers on Fridays.

Annual Church Potluck


Planning is underway for the annual church potluck which will be **Sunday 9/28/25** right after service both inside Fellowship hall and outside in the Labyrinth.

Our theme this year is *Bring Your Best Church Recipe*.

Please email your sign up to ellen.ardenogle@gmail.com so we have a backup list of who is signed up for what. Sign-up sheets will also be available in Fellowship, but we need to have a backup for planning.


We will also need folks to help with set up and breakdown (especially folks who are not in the choir or otherwise involved in the service).

The Good Place





BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we watch an episode from the hit Netflix series, *The Good Place*, Season 2, and then have a Bible study led by our pastor in the Pastor's office. Learn about the Bible and our faith journeys in a judgment-free zone.


WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM

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Signup Sheets

Have you been interested in volunteering at the church? One way to do that is to volunteer to be a Sunday reader, an usher, a teller, or to bring treats and food for Fellowship Hour. You are invited to see where you'd like to help out and sign up. Look for the signup sheets in Fellowship Hall on Sundays after church. Your help and contribution makes Pioneer shine!






OFFICE AND ROOM RENTALS

We have office rentals and a stainless-steel commercial kitchen for rent. Our beautiful stained-glass sanctuary is perfect for weddings. The large fellowship Hall has a full theatrical stage with lighting. A 100" screen is available for visual presentations, perfect for business meetings. Underground parking is available for rent.



Outdoor Area



Conference Room
& Lounge



Individual
offices

FREE COFFEE | FAST WI-FI

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We have office rentals, a commercial kitchen, sanctuary spaces for weddings and funerals, and a Fellowship Hall for receptions, all available to rent. If you or someone you know is looking for a place to hold your next party, anniversary, or wedding, please let us know. For more information, visit <http://www.pioneerworking.com> or call the church office.



Imitating the Pastor

There are emails and text messages going around asking you to contact the Pastor for a special request. Please do not click on any email or texting link or contact the person who sent them. It is a scam! Be sure to let your friends know. Thanks!

TIP: If you ever receive an unusual request from the pastor, contact the church office or the pastor for verification.

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Sunday July 20 th	Morning Service	10:00am
Wednesday July 23 rd	Bible Study	6:30pm
Sunday July 27 th	Morning Service	10:00am

What's Happening this Week

- + The newest addition of *The Weekly eNewsletter*, will be available online or at the Information Table on Thursday 24th 2025.
- + Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM.

****Any changes/updates to future events please make notation on this Bulletin and place it in Kelton's box in the main office.*

Many other activities take place in the building regularly.

Please check the calendar in the church office regarding space and time availability before scheduling any event.



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For an appointment outside of these hours please call the church office at 916-443-3727.

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