



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 27TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

With open hearts and willing spirits, we come.

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

God is here, ready to speak, ready to bless.

We are here, ready to listen, ready to praise.

✠ HYMN *Come Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

BAPTISM: AZELIE FRANCES O'NEIL (8:30AM)

Daughter of Carly and Jake O'Neil

✠ APOSTLES' CREED (11AM) UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *It Is Well With My Soul* BERRY

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11AM)

Children 5 years old and up can meet at the side door for Children's Church. They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.

HYMN *Be Still My Soul* UMH 534

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Genesis 18:20-32*

SERMON *When We Ask Too Little*

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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN

Take Time To Be Holy

UMH 395

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30
Harbour Robertson, Katie &
Robby Robertson, Betty
Stejskal
11:00
Tom Hood,
Ann Claunch & Steve Pearson

STEPHEN MINISTER:

8:30
Wanda Winfree
11:00
Ann Claunch

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht (8:30)
Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright (11)

LITURGIST:

Katie Turner

USHERS:

Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist,
Sherry Herron
Soloist,
Rev. Joe Bullington

MEDIA:

Hackett Robertson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 29th wedding anniversary of Jolene and James Schmitt (July 17, 1996).

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kristen.wright@fairhopeumc.org.

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THE GATHERING

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Preaching: Rev. Michael Precht

Communion Servers: Nadine & Barry Baskin, Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh, Mary & Noah Funderburg

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Nellie Meyers

Stephen Minister: Jolene Schmitt

Usher: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Searce, Phil Webb

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Christian year, lasting until All Saints' Day on November 1. It is known as "ordinary" time, not because it is dull or plain, but because this is the season for remembering how the resurrection and reign of Jesus bring a new "order" to our lives and the world.*

OPENING SONG

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