

Supporting the Greater Kingdom

July 27,
2025



Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be more than happy to assist you. This folder includes all the details about our services, with the congregational responses indicated by indented, bold letters. Please take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this will be used solely by the pastor and elder. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS: As we continue exploring our role in following Christ. The Lord invites believers to take part in his kingdom work. What joy and privilege is ours to work in his harvest fields, to witness the power of the Spirit, and to support this ministry!

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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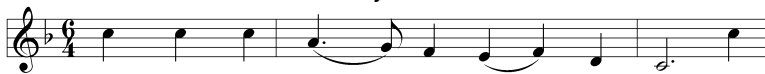


OPENING HYMN:

#236

ALL PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

****Please Stand for The Last Verse****



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The
2 I cried to him in time of need: Lord
3 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, His
4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, To
5 Then come be - fore his pres - ence now And



God of all cre - a - tion, The God of
God, oh, hear my call - ing! For death of
cho - sen gen - er - a - tion; He is their
God give praise and glo - ry! All who the
ban - ish fear and sad - ness; To your Re -



won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of
gave me life in - deed And kept my
ref - uge and their rock, Their peace and
Fa - ther's pow'r pro - claim, To God give
deem - er pay your vow And sing with



our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm my
feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall
their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
praise and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der
joy and glad - ness. Though great dis - tress my



soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row
end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with
ten - der hand He leads his own, his cho - sen
foot be trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is
soul be - fell, The Lord my God did all things



stills— To God all praise and glo - ry!
me— To God all praise and glo - ry!
band— To God all praise and glo - ry!
God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
well— To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–90, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR HEIDEN ALL (87 87 887) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615.



C: A - men.

In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

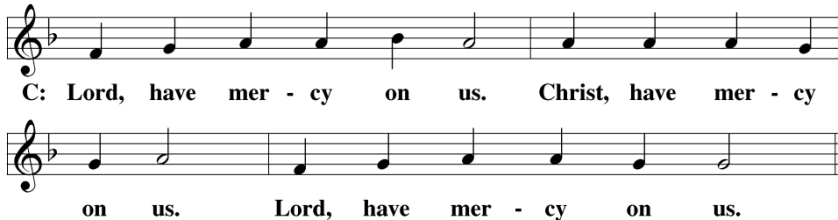
CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

1 KINGS 17: 1 – 16

God provided for his prophet through a wonderful miracle. God could have kept providing for his prophet in that way, but he had another plan. He would give the people of God the privilege of providing for and supporting his minister. God in his wisdom wanted his Church to share in the work of supporting the ministry of the Word.

Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As surely as the Lord lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word." Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there."

So Elijah went and did just as the Lord had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he

drank from the stream. After some time the stream dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: “Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you.”


So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, “Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink.” When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.” She said, “As surely as the Lord your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.”

Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the Lord sends rain to water the surface of the ground.” So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the Lord had said through Elijah.


PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 66

Refrain




At the works of your hands, O Lord, I



lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone *



Refrain

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

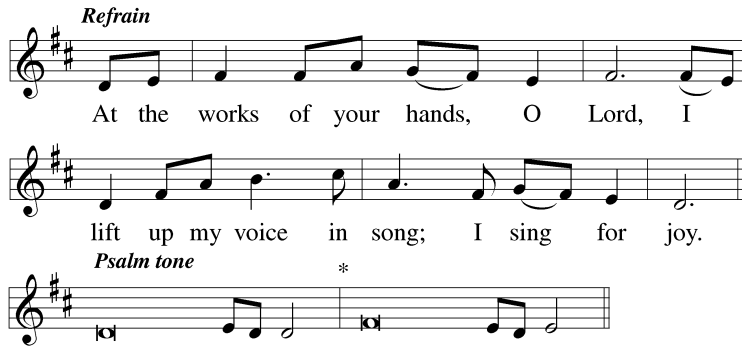
He has preserved our lives*

and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;*

let me tell you what he has done for me.



If I had cherished sin in my heart,*
the Lord would not have listened;
but God has surely listened*
and heard my voice in prayer.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 4: 10 – 20

Christians supporting the work of the Gospel offer a fragrant offering and an acceptable sacrifice to God. Paul acknowledges with joy the generosity of the Philippian congregation. Even when he was not directly serving them, they continued to support his mission work by meeting his physical needs. What privilege it is to praise God by supporting the Lord's kingdom work.

I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. Nevertheless, you did well by becoming partners with me in my affliction.

You Philippians know that in the beginning of your experience with the gospel, when I left Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs. Not that I am seeking a gift, but I am seeking the fruit that adds to your account. I have been paid in full, and I have more than enough. I am fully supplied since I've received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. And my God will fully supply your every need,

according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15 cf. RSV)



GOSPEL

LUKE 10: 1 – 12, 16 – 20

Jesus sends out the seventy-two to proclaim peace to the people. But they go empty handed. In this way, God's people are given the opportunity to respond to God's goodness by sharing all good things with his messengers. What a privilege to bear such good tidings and humbly receive such gifts! What joy to see the Word at work, accomplishing the purpose for which it is sent!

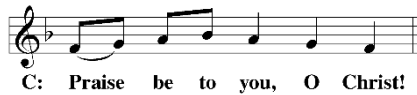
After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. Go your way. Look, I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Do not carry a money bag or traveler's bag or sandals. Do not greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' And if a peaceful person is there, your peace will rest on him, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in that same house, eating and drinking what they give you, because the worker is worthy of his pay. Do not keep moving from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they welcome you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are in the town and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near you.'

"But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust from your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this: The kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom on that day than for that town. Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!" He told them, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#570

O CHRISTIAN, HASTE



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion;
4 Send her - als forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;



To tell to all the world that God is light,
Bound in the dread - y pris - on - house of sin
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;




That he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
With none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing
Tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 Or of the life he died for them to win.
 And died on earth that they might live a - bove.
 O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, Ti - dings of peace,
 Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp-tion and re - lease.

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SERMON TEXT:

LUKE 10: 1 – 12, 14 – 16

SERMON THEME:

LORD, SEND WORKERS

****Please Stand****

CREATE IN ME



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING – In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul tells us: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

****Please Stand****

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love to our family members and neighbors.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to clearly witness and to act boldly to those who live in Redmond and her surrounding cities. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special Prayers and Intercessions

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#404

FAITH IS A LIVING POWER FROM HEAVEN



1 Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n
2 Faith finds in Christ what - e'er we need
3 Faith in the Sav - ior brings us peace
4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
5 As you have prom - ised, grant each soul



That grasps the prom - ise God has giv'n,
To save or strength - en us in - deed;
And bids the mourn - er's weep - ing cease;
That you to us this faith have giv'n
Its ho - ly faith's true end and goal:



A trust that can - not be o'er - thrown,
Re - ceiv - ing grace from heav - en's throne
By faith the chil - dren's place we claim
Through might - y Word and sac - ra - ment
The bless - ed - ness no foes de - stroy,



Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
And hum - bly shar - ing cross and crown.
And give all hon - or to one name.
To trust the one whom you have sent.
E - ter - nal love and light and joy.

Text: Petrus Herbert, d. 1571, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

THE SACRAMENT

****Please Stand****



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SANCTUS

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

C: A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON

NUNC DIMITTIS

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN:

#573

HARK! THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING

1 Hark! The voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is

go and work to - day? Fields are ripe and har - vests
can - not preach like Paul, You can tell the love of
high on Zi - on's wall, Point - ing out the path to
noth - ing I can do," While the mul - ti - tudes are

wait - ing; Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Je - sus; You can say he died for all.
heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.

Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re -
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the
With your prayers and with your of - f'ring You can
Take the task he gives you glad - ly; Let his

ward he of - fers thee. Who will an - swer, glad - ly
 Judg - ment's dread a - larms, You can lead the lit - tle
 do what God de - mands; You can be like faith - ful
 work your plea - sure be. An - swer quick - ly when he

say - ing, "Here am I— send me, send me"?
 chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
 Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
 call - eth, "Here am I— send me, send me!"

Text: Daniel March, 1816–1909, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; unknown, st. 3, alt.
 Tune: GALILEAN (87 87 D) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Circuit Visitor Visit: We welcome our circuit visitor, Rev. Steven Sparley, along with his wife, Jan, to be with us today. Thank you, Pastor Sparley, for taking the time to help our congregation reach out to those who need to hear the love of God and the promise of salvation.

Save the date – Saturday, August 2: We will be hosting a Grace family picnic at Quartz Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a great opportunity for us to get together for games, food, drinks, and quality time. Join us, and feel free to invite your friends, as this will also be a mission weekend.

Giving Counselor: Mr. Paul Manning, the Synod Giving Counselor, will meet with us on Oct 10 after the service. If you are considering ways to give in retirement or want information on estate planning, he will be available.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Holy Spirit and His role in our faith. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. Throughout August, we gather to hear how He calls us. We pray this Bible Study will be enlightening for you! Feel free to bring your questions; you can come and go as needed; reading is always optional, and questions are always welcome.

Midweek Bible Study: Join us at 6:30 p.m. at Greg and Penny Port's house, 1923 NW Nickernut Ct, Redmond. You can also join via Zoom. We are focusing on reaching out to our neighbors using Pastor David Rosenau's One by One Bible study. The Zoom link is provided, or you can email Pastor Emmons to get the link.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

Visiting Our Neighbors: Pastor Emmons will be out on the streets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon throughout July and August. Please consider joining him for some company.

Home Visits: Pastor Emmons will be making home visits. Please inform him if there are times when you're unavailable so he can plan your visit accordingly. This is a chance to discuss any personal issues you may have or share ideas for our congregation.

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