

Liturgist: Samantha Howlett

Reading for July 19, 2026:

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

In-person Attendance Last Week: 57

Sunday School Attendance Last Week: 29

When Jesus died on the cross, God's mercy did not become any greater. It could not become any greater, for it was already infinite. We get the odd notion that God is showing mercy because Jesus died. No—Jesus died because God is showing mercy. It was not Calvary that gave us mercy. If God had not been merciful, there would have been no incarnation, no babe in the manger, no man on a cross, and no open tomb.

Ministers: All Professing Members of Locust Grove GMC.

Pastor: Rev. Booker Brown, Jr.



Welcome Guest! We are happy you have chosen to worship with us. Today, we pray that the Lord will touch your heart in a special way.

Locust Grove Global Methodist Church

Sunday School: 10:00 AM

Worship: 11:00 AM

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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(*Please Stand as You Are Able)

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*PRAISE SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love and then waits.

P: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root.

L: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope and then waits.

P: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds, and they cannot live.

L: God scatters the seeds of redemption, peace, and understanding, and waits.

P: These are the Places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

L: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering church.

P: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

(IN UNISON)

Loving God, gather us into this moment of reverence, celebration, and growth. As your sons and daughters, we long for renewed faith and meaning in our lives. Christ's Parable of the Sower lights our path, with its images of rocky ground, tangled thorns, and green shoots. May the light of your word illuminate our way and become the joy of our hearts. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAY

Pastor Booker

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN "A Charge to Keep I Have" #413 Hymnal

CHILDRENS' TIME

Pastor Booker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Booker

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:10-13

(*Please stand, as able, for the reading of the Gospel)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

"Panning for Gold"

Pastor Booker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version, Page 881 (Hymnal)

CLOSING HYMN

"He Touched Me" #367 Hymnal

GOING FORTH FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE