

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You today to praise You, because You are worthy of all our praise.

We come before You today to worship You, with all that we are and all that we have.

You remind us in Your Word Who You are and who we are to You. You are the One that created all things by just speaking them into existence. You are the One that shaped and molded us from the dust of the earth, and breath that You breathe. You are the One that sent Your Son to take our place on the cross to bear our sins, so that we may be washed clean. You are the One that loved us so much that You laid down His life so that we may be forgiven. For all of this and so much more, we worship You.

Thank You Lord for allowing us to get to know You, and the love You have for us. Thank You for having the confidence in us, when we lack the confidence in ourselves. Thank You for the opportunities to share You with our friends, family and even strangers, so that they may come to know You as we do. Thank You guiding our actions and words, so that You may be glorified thru us.

We confess today that we don't always hear Your voice. We get distracted by the worldly concerns, and forget to follow You into the wilderness. We don't always see Your vision. We get distracted from the obstacles that pop up unexpectedly. We don't always desire the same things that You desire for us. We fall into the temptations of the world, and allow ourselves to be led in the wrong directions. But we praise Your name today, because You are always there to receive us back again, You are always there to remove the obstacles from our lives, and set up back on the path You have for us. You clear our vision, open our ears, and hearts so that the fire inside of us is renewed with the love that draws us to You.

You are our friend, our protector, our redeemer, and our healer. Thank You for the medical teams that You have placed in our lives, to bring the healing that we needed physically. Thank You for the pastors, and church leaders, that have brought to us that healing we needed spiritually.

There are those that continue to need your healing touch today. We lift to You Bob McMurray, we praise Your name for being with him. We ask that You fill his medical team with Your wisdom, allowing them to know his needs, and use them as Your instrument of healing to make him well. We lift to You Jeannie Luxeuil as she prepares for surgery tomorrow. Guide the hands of the doctors that will be doing the surgery so that it goes perfectly. There are others that will be having surgery, doctor's visits, and procedures done this coming week. So we ask You as the great physician to find favor in them and bring Your healing to each of them Your way. All for Your glory.

We thank You for this church and the opportunities that You for all of us to share with others so that they see You through all that we say and do in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude:

**\*Enter the Light of Christ**

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Announcements:**

- **Sunday School @ 9:30 all are welcome.**
- **Bible Study Wednesday @ 10 am in the Pastor's Study**
- **Flowers on the altar are in celebration of Betty Ruppenthal's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**
- **Annual Conference from June 11<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup> on the campus of the College of Wooster. Pastor Cyndi and Monica Detwiler will be attending.**
- **Pastor Cyndi will be on vacation from June 14<sup>th</sup> thru June 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **June 17<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch House 10 am. No reservations needed, all are welcome.**
- **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Chef Brad's Brunch. Come and join us for a time of extended fellowship with your church family.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious Creator, You invite us into a relationship with every breath. Settle us, center us, and calm us to the ever-moving flowing of Your Spirit calling us to become one with You. We pray in humility and hope of grace, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Nothing Between" #373**

**Call to Worship:**

**L: The roots of the Tree of Life run deep into the sacred soil.**

**P: The limbs of the Tree of Life reach out to embrace the goodness of all creation.**

**L: The trunk of the Tree of Life stands strong in the face of hatred and malice toward the least, the lonely, the left out.**

**P: The branches of the Tree of Life struggle toward the heavens, hoping to bring about God's reign of justice and love for all.**

**L: The winds of the Spirit breathe through the Tree of Life, bringing renewal and hope.**

**P: May our worship this day be a worthy offering that supports the Tree of Life and brings the goodness of the Sacred to our world.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory:

**\*Doxology #95**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Transforming God, we have come to Your house as children.**

**The Table is ever-growing, and we revel in Your gifts for us.**

**Receive our simple offerings, that they may be used to faithfully serve in building Your kingdom come. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:**

**"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" 1,2,3 #437**

**Celebration of Communion**

**Apostles Creed #881**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 97

Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26

**Gloria Patri #70**

Message: "That We May Become One"

Pastor Cyndi

**\*Closing Hymn: "Love Lifted Me" (see insert)**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending: "God Be with You"**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*