

Cordova Bay United Church
7th Sunday After Pentecost
Sharing the Feast
July 27, 2025

Introit **Gather Us In** (More Voices 7)

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Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Acknowledgement of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Water Lifted

Lighting of the Christ Candle

There is light in the shadows,
hope in the unknown.

Jesus the Christ – Light of the World!

The Love of the Christ, will help us to thrive,
to be alive and to be vital to the community.

May we bump into the Light, and shine brightly!

Morning Prayer

Creator God, we celebrate you
in the precious waters, the sky and the mountains.
We find you in the wind, the colours of the evening sky
and in those who gather here and on line.
You are everywhere...

help us to see you and celebrate.

Let Wisdom stretch forth and overwhelm us.

Let Love surround us and impact our living.

In the name of the Christ we pray.

Amen

Opening Hymn **Morning Has Broken** (Voices United 409)

Words: Eleanor Farjeon 1931

Music: Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton

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- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
 like the first dewfall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
 sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
 born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's recreation of the new day!

A Time to Wonder (Hilde)

Opening to the Word **Spirit, Open My Heart** (More Voices 79)

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Refrain Spirit, open my heart
 to the joy and pain of living.
 As you love may I love,
 in receiving and in giving.
 Spirit, open my heart.

- 1 Write your love upon my heart
 as my law, my goal, my story.
 each thought, word, and deed
 my living bring you glory. *Refrain*

Scripture Reading John 6:1-15

Reflection “Gathered. Blessed. Sent Out.”

Hymn **I Have Called You by Your Name** (More Voices 161)

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- 1 I have called you by your name,
 you are mine;
 I have gifted you
 and ask you now to shine.
 I will not abandon you;
 all my promises are true.
 You are gifted, called, and chosen;
 you are mine.

- 2 I will help you learn my name
 as you go;
 read it written in my people,
 help them grow.
 Pour the water in my name,
 speak the word your soul can claim,
 offer Jesus’ body
 given long ago.

- 3 I know you will need my touch
 as you go;
 feel it pulsing in creation’s
 ebb and flow.
 Like the woman reaching out,
 choosing faith in spite of doubt,
 hold the hem of Jesus’ robe,
 then let it go.

- 4 I have given you a name,
 it is mine;
 I have given you my Spirit
 as a sign.
 With my wonder in your soul,
 make my wounded children whole;
 go and tell my precious people
 they are mine.

Joys and Concerns

We Gather Around the Table

Communion Hymn **All Who Hunger** (Voices United 460)

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1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God be with you
And also with you.

The Spirit stirs and rests,
And God is present and near.

We give God our praise and our thanks.
And love shall be the sign.

Creator God, the sun warms our days:
and we give thanks for summer rest.
Your people gather;
and we celebrate Community.

Five loaves and two fish are offered.
All are fed, with much left over.
Empty hearts and tired souls are refreshed.
We celebrate Jesus among us.

Here in this place, O God,
we remember that our lives are connected.

Prayer continues with one voice...

Prayer after Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

*God's gifts are many. We respond to the Love of God by
offering what we can to the work of the Church in the world.
We can give our time, our money... our prayers and our energy.
Together we make a difference.*
Our offerings will now be received.

Choral Response **What Can I Do? (More Voices 191)**

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.
(Repeat once more)

Offering Prayer

*Bless us loving God, and bless what we can offer
in your name. Help us to continue to be your people
wherever we live and move and have our being. Amen*

Parting Hymn **Isaiah 55** (You Shall Go Out With Joy) Voices United 884

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You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy. (Repeat two more times)

Going Forth (Hilde)

Postlude (Claire)

Worship Leader – Rev. Hilde J. Seal
Music Leadership – Claire Jung
Greeters – Jocelyn Jones and Willa Burke
Welcoming – Ron Norman
Opening Prayer – Margaret Bates
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids
Scripture Reader – Willa Burke
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Peggy Dayton
Communion – Willa Burke, Bill Walker, Jiemei Li
Music Ministry / Chimes – Margaret Chambers
Technical Support – Ron Norman & Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group
Flowers are offered by Barb Waldner