

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we are caught up in a world that privileges a few at the expense of many. In many ways, we benefit from this.

In many ways, it hurts us, too.

For the times we have, knowingly or unknowingly,

caused others to go without so that we could have more,

forgive us.

Give us eyes to see your Kin-dom in the here and now,

a reality in which everyone is flourishing and everyone has enough.

(silent reflection)

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let your soul receive this rest: there is nothing we can do or not do to be separated from the love of God. We are forgiven, we are beloved, we can try again. Thanks be to God! Amen.³

†PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 150 This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Praise God with Dance and Tambourine

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

†HYMN

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OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY

Cindy Caldwell

Paul Purdue

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(a Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

O God Beyond All Praising

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BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of Christ-followers growing in love of God and neighbor

JULY 13, 2025

†BENEDICTION

Go forth praising God, remembering you are beloved expressions of Divine Love. For praise is not forced happiness amidst despair, it is the stubborn claiming of wonder amidst the complexity of living.

And God is with us in all of it.

Thanks be to God! Amen.¹

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Prelude in C Major, BWV 552

J. S. Bach

[†]You are invited to stand as you are able.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Paul Purdue, Senior Pastor Hunter Wade, Interim Associate Pastor/Director of Wesley Foundation Matthew Webb, Director of Music Ministry

Liturgy written/selected by Hunter Wade. ¹enfleshed, Liturgy That Matters, January 1, 2022 ²enfleshed, Liturgy That Matters, July 13, 2025 ³adapted from Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley

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CENTERING PRAYER Creator God.

WELCOME

in times like these we can have a hard time relishing the wonder, the sheer unlikelihood of our existence. We do not want to gloss hollow happiness over our suffering. Instead, we want all of our life to be praisethe cries of grief, the acts of protest, the rage at what has been lost—praise. The compassion we cultivate, the relationships we nurture, the delight we find—praise. Expand our expressions of praise, that we may honor the scope of living, digging our hands deep in the rich soil of life. Amen.¹

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Praise Him! Praise Him! Matthew Webb, piano

†CALL TO WORSHIP All you brokenhearted, all you worn out, all you overwhelmed. All you energized, all you aligned, all you at peace. You, many things at once, You, ebbing and flowing human, You, containing multitudes: come and worship. The God of Compassion awaits and loves us as we are.²

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Hunter Wade

arr. Ted Cornell