

Sunday Worship

July 26, 2020, 10 a.m.

Pentecost VIII

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By Pastor Rachel B. Livingston



+GREETING

O Lord, our Lord,


How majestic is your name in all the earth!

We come before you today

Seeking freedom from our selfishness and limited views.

We come before you today

Acknowledging that the world will try to separate us from you – through tribulation, persecution, and distress



+GREETING (Continued)

But what can separate us from the love
Christ?

Nothing, absolutely nothing!

Hymn:

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Words: Elisha A Hoffman, 1887 (Dt 33:27)

Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

UMH 133, Tune: SHOWALTER

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+HYMN “*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*” v.1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning (Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on
Jesus)*

Safe and secure from all alarms

*Leaning, leaning (Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on
Jesus)*

Leaning on the everlasting arms



+HYMN *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”* v. 2


O How sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning (Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on
Jesus)*

Safe and secure from all alarms

*Leaning, leaning (Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on
Jesus)*

Leaning on the everlasting arms



+HYMN *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”* v. 3

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning (Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on
Jesus)*

Safe and secure from all alarms

*Leaning, leaning (Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on
Jesus)*

Leaning on the everlasting arms

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Affirmation From Romans 8:35, 37-39

From *UMH 887*

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?



Affirmation From Romans 8:35, 37-39 (Continued)

From *UMH 887*

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.



+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER
AND 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. Amen.**

Hymn:


Be Thou My Vision

Words: Ancient Irish; trans, by Mary Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912
Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm by Carlton R. Young

UMH 451, Tune: SLANE

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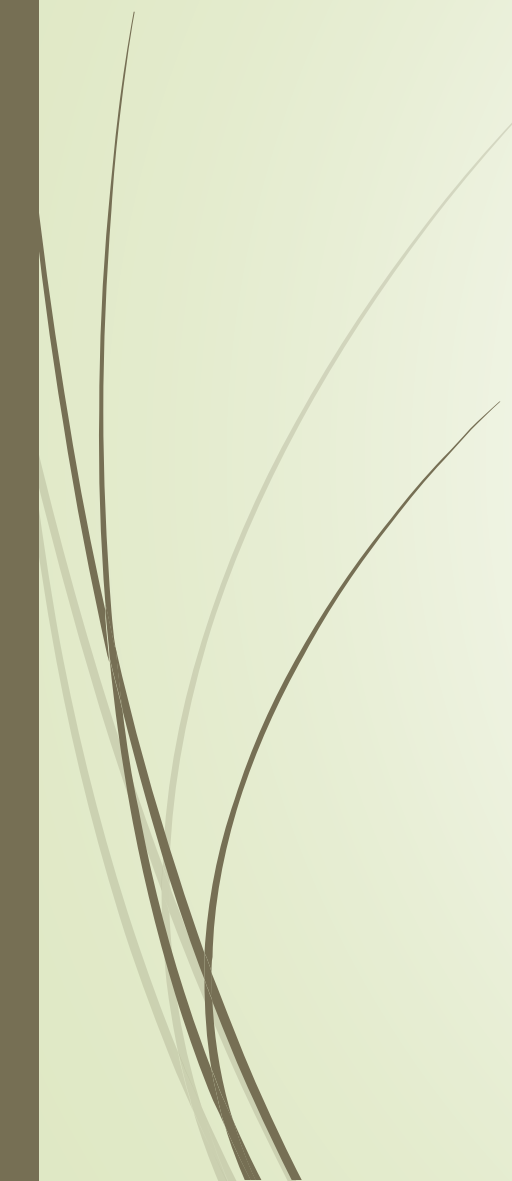
+HYMN *“Be Thou My Vision”* v.1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that
thou art.


Thou, my best thought, by day or by
night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my
light.



+HYMN *“Be Thou My Vision”* v.2




Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word;
I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou
art.



+HYMN *“Be Thou My Vision”* v. 3

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright
heaven’s Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

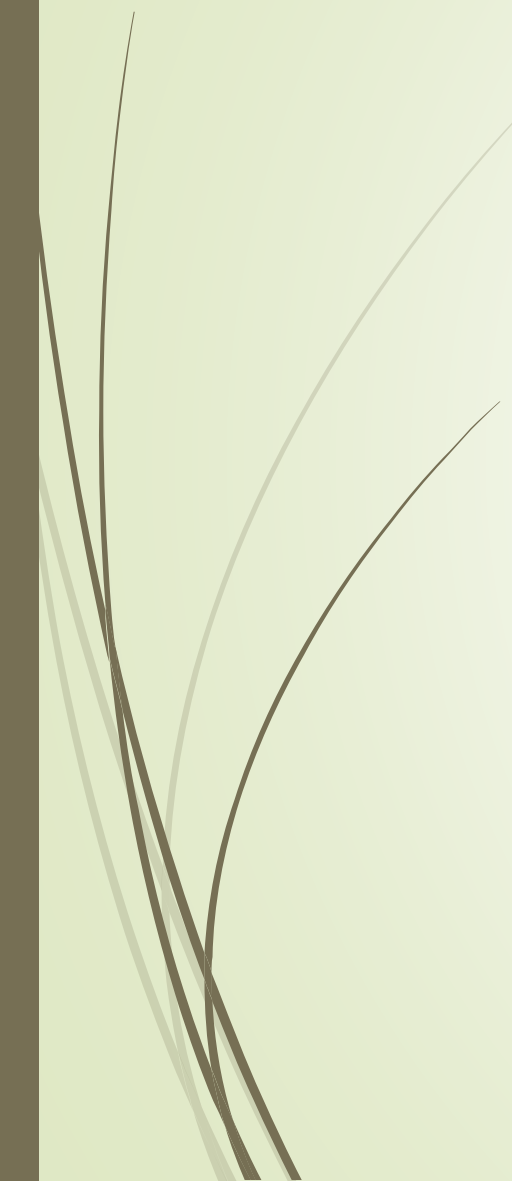


PSALTER: Psalm 119: 129-136

129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. **130** The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. **131** With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments. **132** Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.



PSALTER: Psalm 119: 129-136 (Continued)



133 Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me. **134** Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts. **135** Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. **136** My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. **27** And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. **28** We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-39
(Continued)

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. **30** And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-39
(Continued)

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? **32** He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? **33** Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-39
(Continued)

34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. **35** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-39
(Continued)

36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-39
(Continued)

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

SERMON

Who Can Separate Us

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OFFERTORY: Seek Ye First

Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972
UMH 405

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DOXOLOGY

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: attr. to Louis Bourgeois

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.





OFFERTORY PRAYER

Inspired by *Prayers for Ordinary Time*

In the adventure of life, we have found you. By your powerful grace, you have found us, justified us, and have glorified us. We now give as a testament to what you have given to us. What we give is a result of our thanksgiving to you. If we offered up all we have, our very life, it would not be enough, Lord.



OFFERTORY PRAYER (Continued)

Inspired by *Prayers for Ordinary Time*

Yet we give we have unto you for your great love and mercy. As we proclaim your mighty deeds, we celebrate your justice. Let what we give to you now, go to creating your will in the world. Amen.

Hymn:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah


Words: William Williams, 1745, trans. From the Welsh by Peter Williams and the author, 1771

Music: John Hughes, 1907

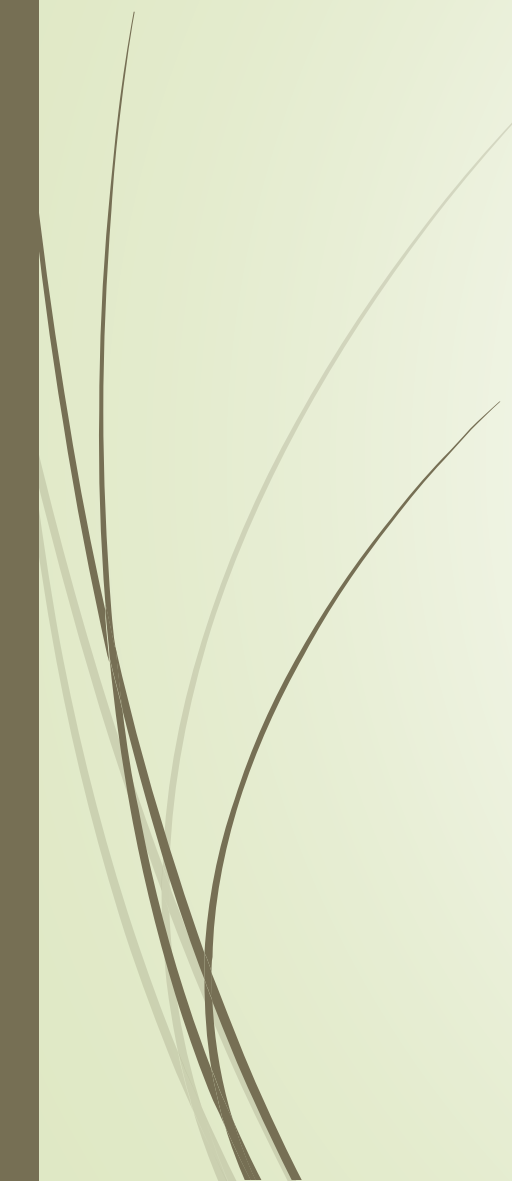
UMH 127, Tune: CWM RHONDDA

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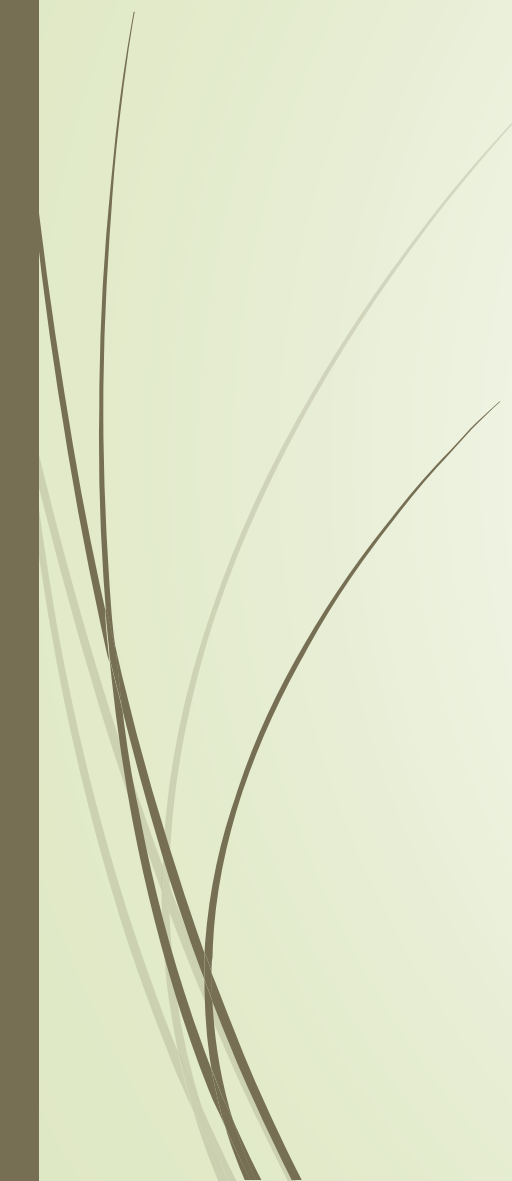
+HYMN “*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*” v.1




Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.



+HYMN “*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*” v. 2



Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield



+HYMN “*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*” v. 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to
thee.



+BENEDICTION

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