

IN OUR PRAYERS

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 30th and Sunday, July 31st! Gunderson's Outreach and Thrift Store is hosting a community wide Christmas in July festival in Westminster on Saturday! Pictures with Santa, train rides, and vendors will be downtown all day! Then, on Sunday, we will have our annual Christmas in July service and lunch! Bring sides or desserts to share. During worship, we will have readings and hymns, along with Communion. If you would like to be a reader, please let Rev. Audrey know!

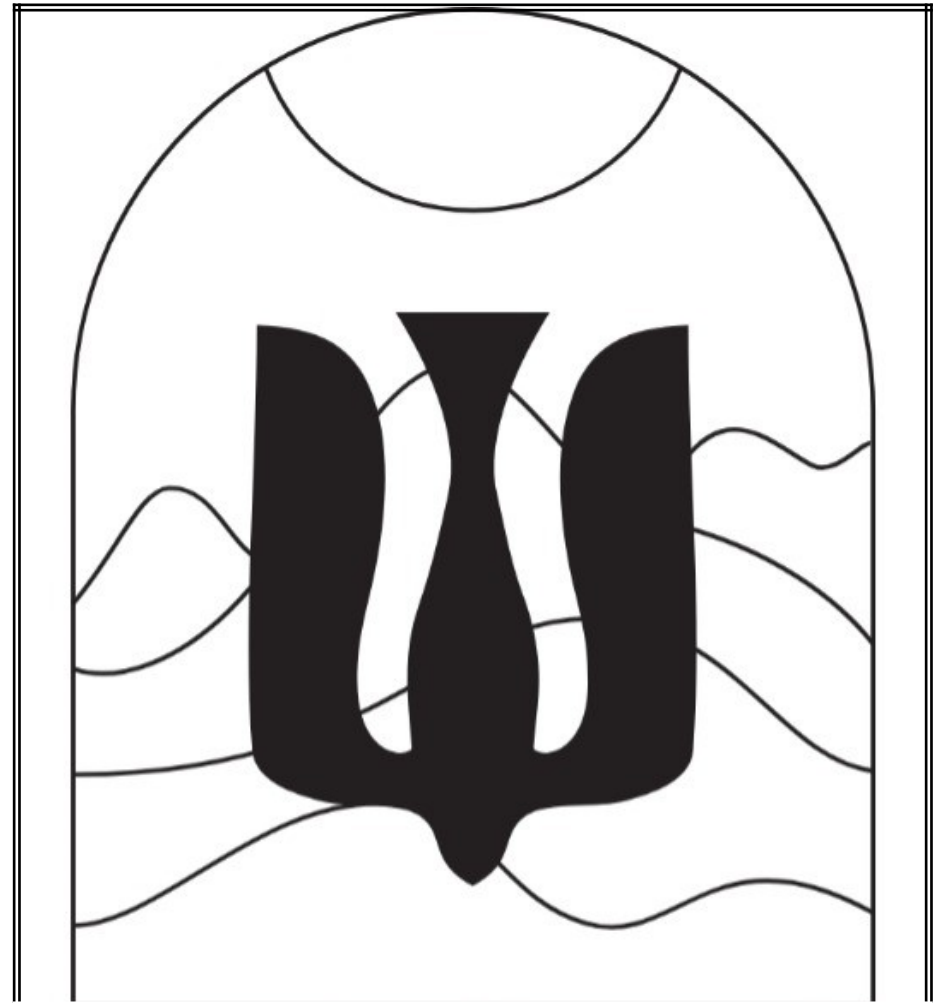
RESOURCES FOR JULY'S SERMON SERIES

Rev. Audrey is using several resources for this month's sermon series. A primary resource for the first two weeks' sermons is *Into the Mess & Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ* by Debie Thomas. Other resources come from archived essays by Debie at [Journey with Jesus - From the Wilderness](#)

A PRAYER FOR YOUR WEEK

Dear Lord, I pray that You give me strength to be strong for You, amid all the temptations of this world. You know that there are struggles that I will go through this week. I pray that You be with me as I go through them. With You at my side, nothing is impossible. Carry me when I am too weak. Make me an overcomer. Fill me with your wisdom. In Jesus' mighty and powerful name I pray, Amen.

1 Corinthians 10:13 – The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.



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Pentecost

July 17, 2022

11:00 A.M

GATHERING

Prelude: “Joyful, Joyful”.....Beethoven

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship “Family of God” *I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God, I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood. Joint heirs of Jesus as we travel this sod. For I’m part of the family, the family of God.*

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn 401:** “Here In This Place (Gather Us In)”.....Haugen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God,
At times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world’s hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ’s likeness, that we will show his love and truth to the world. We ask these things in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem:

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture: Luke 1:66-80

Sermon: “Into The Wilderness”Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal* p. 35)

Gloria Patri (*The Glory to God Hymnal*, p. 581)

***Hymn 450:** “Be Thou My Vision”.....Byrne

Offertory: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”.....Converse

***Doxology** (*The Glory to God Hymnal*, No. 606)

SENDING

***Hymn 694:** “Great God of Every Blessing”.....Gambrell

Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON: Join us next Sunday, July 24, for our sermon “What Kind of Story Is This?” with scripture readings from Matthew 11:2-11. Bring a friend or friends to join us!