

July 19, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Chapel in the Woods

Summer Worship Series:
A Curriculum of Love: Deepening our Love for God, our Neighbors, and Ourselves
Week Seven: Healing From Within

WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (A Time for Quiet Meditation)

At the First Light of the Day

Lani Smith

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-2)**

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord,

All: And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

All: Singing joyful songs of praise.

***GATHERING SONG**

Come As You Are

The Many

(verse 1)

Come you who've been wounded, all you who've lost hope
Come you who are longing for what you don't even know
Come you hungry for justice, aching for heaven on earth
Come you who've been tossed aside, don't remember what you're worth.

(refrain)

Come as you are, come you weary
Come and lay your burdens down
Come as you are, bring your hopes
Bring your doubts and your scars, come as you are.

(verse 2)

Come you who have been cast out, all you who've been shamed
Come you who are looking for that mystery you can't name
Come you crying for mercy, hoping for peace on earth
Come you carrying questions, all you who've been so hurt.

(refrain)

(verse 3)

Come you misfits and prophets, and you sinners and saints
Oh you broken and needy, weird and weary and faint
All who seek to simply open their eyes
All who need to find a safe place to cry.

(refrain)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Even before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. And even before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us, therefore, confess our sin and the sin of the world together:

*Please stand as you are able.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us, O God, and see into our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Where can we go from God's spirit, or where can we flee from God's presence? Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God's hand will find us and hold us fast. Hear the good news: Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE #695

Change My Heart, O God *Change My Heart*
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart,
O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION #458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet *Thy Word*
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a
lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, and I
think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I
fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a
lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

SPECIAL MUSIC

Father's Eyes
Performed by: Brenda Wahl

Gary Chapman

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 5:25-34*

²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' ²⁹ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' ³¹ And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' ³² He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

THE MESSAGE

"Healing From Within"

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY

God's Care

Ben Logan

***DOXOLOGY #205** *Live in Charity (sing twice)*

Ubi Caritas (Taizé)

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Because we have peace with God through Christ, let us share this peace together. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And, also, with you.**

*SENDING SONG #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center
(verse 1)

Beach Spring

***Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room
for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos
and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really
matter, be at peace, and simply be.***

*Please stand as you are able.

(verse 2)

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

(verse 3)

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

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***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Lani Smith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Series

Week Seven: Healing From Within

Questions to Ponder/Discuss:

- How would you complete this sentence: "I grew up thinking that I would be accepted and loved if I _____."
- How do you feel the difference between shame and guilt? Has guilt ever propelled you to do better? Has shame? Has love? Which is most motivational for you?

Spiritual Practice: Acceptance Work

This practice is really simple but powerful. Each day find a time in silence to take a deep breath and exhale. Then close your eyes and say out loud, "I love and accept myself even though I _____." Fill in the blank with any thoughts, words, or actions you have done that you feel ashamed or guilty over.

Faith Garden

In Valley's Faith Garden (located outside of the Church Library), we grow fresh produce to be donated to the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Food Bank. There are garden gloves and tools in the shed, or feel free to bring your own. Summer garden workdays are below:

Summer Garden Workdays

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

July 29

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



Any meat or fresh fruits or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations. You can, also, leave them in the blue donation bin in the Narthex.

Wednesday Dinner and Entertainment

Join friends from Valley and beyond on **Wednesday evening, August 19**, from 6-8:00 p.m., for some food, drinks, and fun. The owners of Sharon James have agreed to donate ten percent of all sales (if you mention code VPC2026) back to the church. Enjoy the covered patio and performers (featuring comedy from Sean Bulanda) for open-mic night. Reservations are recommended but not required:

Sharon James Cellars
11303 Kinsman Road, Newbury, OH 44065
440-739-4065

Donations – Credit Card or Zelle

Credit card donations are available on-line at the Valley Presbyterian website below:

<http://valleypresbychurch.org>

Look for “Give Now” button. Can only be used for donations.

Can not pay for holiday flowers, VBS, books, etc. at this link.

Use the following QR Code to donate or purchase via **Zelle**:



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