

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026 – 10:30A

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude – *Instrumental*

A Word of Greeting/Centering Words

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

God's word is the lamp we need in the darkness, the guidance we need on wayward paths, and the hope we need when death and despair come calling.

Opening Hymn – “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” TFWS#2088, 2x

Giving God Glory As We Come to Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader, **P: People**)

[Polyana Isama'u]

L: Come, whether weary or rejoicing.

P: All are welcome here.

L: Come, whether at peace or in the midst of a struggle.

P: All are welcome here.

L: Come, whether growing or wilting.

P: All are welcome here.

Opening Prayer

[Polyana Isama'u]

God of new beginnings and ancient stories, help us see ourselves in your stories, in your promises, and in your garden. Light our way with your word today, and guide us with your Spirit of love. Amen.

A Message to the Children (In Us All)

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

The Word of God for the People of God

Congregational Hymn – “Breathe” WIS#3112, 1st & 2nd Ending

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

[Polyana Isama'u]

So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin. ⁴ He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. ⁵ People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. ⁶ The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. ⁷ So the attitude that comes from

selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. ⁸ People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

⁹ But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. ¹⁰ If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. ¹¹ If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

L: The word of God for all People.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – “Set the Mind”

Pastoral Prayer – Lord's Prayer

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

We Respond to God's Grace

Offering our Gifts –

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

Doxology – *Glory Be to the Father, UMH#71*

Prayer of Dedication

[Polyana Isama'u]

Creator God, you have created us for your purposes and blessed us to accomplish your promises. May the gifts and lives we offer you serve your purposes and your promises, and may we be instruments of peace and love in your world each day. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith in Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

Closing Hymn – “Spirit of the Living God” UMH#393, 1x

Commission and Blessings

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

Passing of the Peace – Postlude