

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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Sign-In and Out Log
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude	
Welcome and Announcements	Rebecca Turner
Chiming the Trinity	
† Call to Worship—Psalm 27 (CEB)	Rebecca Turner
The LORD is my light and my salvation.	
Should I fear anyone?	
The LORD is a fortress protecting my life.	
Should I be frightened of anything?	
2 When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up—	
it’s they, my foes and my enemies,	
who stumble and fall!	
3 If an army camps against me,	
my heart won’t be afraid.	
If war comes up against me,	
I will continue to trust in this:	
4 I have asked one thing from the LORD—	
it’s all I seek:	
to live in the LORD’s house all the days of my life,	
seeing the LORD’s beauty	
and constantly adoring his temple.	
5 Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling	
during troubling times;	
he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent;	
he will set me up high, safe on a rock.	
6 Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,	
and I will offer sacrifices in God’s tent—	
sacrifices with shouts of joy!	
I will sing and praise the LORD.	

7 LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out—
have mercy on me and answer me!
8 Come, my heart says, seek God’s face.
LORD, I do seek your face!
9 Please don’t hide it from me!
Don’t push your servant aside angrily—
you have been my help!
God who saves me,
don’t neglect me!
Don’t leave me all alone!
10 Even if my father and mother left me all alone,
the LORD would take me in.
11 LORD, teach me your way;
because of my opponents, lead me on a good path.
12 Don’t give me over to the desires of my enemies,
because false witnesses and violent accusers
have taken their stand against me.
13 But I have sure faith
that I will experience the LORD’s goodness
in the land of the living!
14 Hope in the LORD!
Be strong! Let your heart take courage!
Hope in the LORD!

† <i>Opening Hymn</i>	“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	UMH 57
<i>The children may now leave with volunteers for the nursery</i>		
† <i>Hymn</i>	“Step by Step”	WS 3002
<i>Prayer for Illumination</i>	Rebecca Turner	
Lord, the One who calls us to not only believe but also walk by faith, we trust You are here to open our hearts and minds. Help us to hear a Word from You today, and may we truly hear and listen with open minds, hearts, and a willingness to act. Amen.		
<i>Old Testament Reading</i>	Psalm 119:105-112	Herb Schwarze
<i>New Testament Reading</i>	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
<i>Prayer of Confession</i>	Rebecca Turner	

O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. And hear us again, as we offer you our confession in silence.

Silent confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

Amen.

†*Peace of Christ*

The Offering and Song

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

UMH 601



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

Doxology

Prayer over the Offering

Sermon

“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

Bob Newlin

Prayers of the People

Rebecca Turner

At this time, we'll lift up our joys and concerns and pray for those things and paper on our hearts. If you have a joy or concern to lift up, you may raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you.

The Lord's Prayer

†***Closing Song***

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH 707

†***Benediction***

†***Chiming the Trinity***

†***Postlude***

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Jesus MAFA, “Parable of the Sower”

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