

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 12, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Woke Up This Morning* **GOSPEL SONG**
Dan Lawhon
*I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom
How 'bout you*

Welcome Eric Clark

Choral Introit *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* **I'M GONNA LIVE**

Processional Hymn No. 361 *O Christ, Our Great Foundation* **AURELIA**
[Hymn sheet on page 3](#)

Call to Worship Avery Jolly

One: Wherever the poor and oppressed huddle together,

All: The Lord is among them.

One: Wherever the poor and oppressed band together in solidarity,

All: The Lord unites them.

One: Wherever the poor and oppressed seek liberation and abundance,

All: The Lord leads them out.

One: Would we follow the Lord?

All: Yes, let us seek the Lord where the Lord is to be found.

Prayer of Invocation Carol Dean

Hymn No. 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* **BARONITA**
[Hymn sheet on page 4](#)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps Peggy Sanderford Ponder

Hymn *Everybody's Got a Right to Live*
By Jimmy Collier & Rev. Frederick Douglass "Kirk" Kirkpatrick
[Hymn sheet on page 5](#)

Reading from the Hebrew Bible Deuteronomy 15: 1-11 **Carol Dean**

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Call to Prayer No. 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* **PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**
[Hymn sheet on page 6](#)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Suzanne Martin

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:6-16

Kim Looney

One: For the Word of God for the people of God,

All: We give thanks to God.**Anthem***For Everyone Born*
Covenant Choir

arr. Tom Trenney

*For everyone born, place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead,**Refrain**And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace:**Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!**For all who share life, a place at the table,
Revisiting, the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the share
For all those who share a system that's fair.**Refrain**For those we neglect a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For those we neglect the right to belong.**Refrain**For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.**Refrain***Sermon***Beneath the Surface*

Kim Looney

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**Invitation to Christian Commitment**

Eric Clark

Hymn of Response*Set It Right Again*
[Hymn sheet on page 7](#)

By Ana Hernandez

Words of Dedication

Avery Jolly

Reception of the Offering

Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life.
Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.

Offertory*They Tried to Bury Us*
Krystal Folkestad, Piano

Stacey Craig

Offertory Response*Doxology*

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below;****Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.****Life of the Church**

Andrew Stinnett and Grant Hawley

Choral Benediction*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

ENVIADO

Postlude*Will You Come and Follow Me*
Dan Lawhon

KELVINGROVE

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



1 O Christ, the great foun-da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.



pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:



to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.



Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Everybody's Got a Right to Live

Collier, Kirkpatrick, adapted by
Alabama Poor People's Campaign

Jimmy Collier and Rev. Frederick Douglass Kirkpatrick

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Ev' - ry - bod - y's got a right to live Ev' - ry - bod - y's got a right

to live We say, "Pov - er - ty no more! We want jus - tice for the poor!"

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Ev' - ry - bod - y's got a right to live

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Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2,4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART FOR SURVIVAL REVIVAL Today, July 12

BCOC members can help create artwork for the Survival Revival with Lydia Graves in the Bock-Mayse Ministry on today from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This is a drop-in event, so come whenever you're able and wear clothes you're comfortable getting dirty!

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Today at 5:00 pm

The monthly meeting of our Caregivers Support Group is today from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The group facilitated by TJ Hunt-Felke will be gathering in the Bock Mayse center to explore aspects of caring for a family member. If you have any questions, please reach out to TJ Hunt-Felke.

3RD SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE Next Sunday, July 19

BCOC is having its monthly Food Drive for Greater Birmingham Ministries next week! Pantry needs include non-perishable items like canned vegetables, beans, fruit, meat, and soup. Thank you for helping BCOC's ministry to fill the GBM pantry!