

**JASPER UNITED CHURCH**  
**July 14, 2024**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to worship God and deepen our Christian faith.  
We strive to seek justice, be an inclusive, caring and accepting community,  
and to be stewards of God’s world.”

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*Peace comes from attending to every part of my world  
in a sacramental way.*

*Joan Chittister*

**GOD GATHERS US IN**

***Prelude***

***Welcome***

***Territorial Acknowledgement***

***Announcements***

***Celebrations and Remembrances***

***Settling Moment***

***Christ Candle***

Jesus once said; “I am the light of the world!” And ever since invites us to follow and learn the mystery of all that we might be.

**This light reminds us to come, follow and be all we might be.**

***Call to Worship***

The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it!

**In every molecule of life, God is celebrated.**

Come and give praise, this is God’s wondrous world.

**Let our hearts celebrate in joy and celebration.**

The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it!

**Let’s worship God together!**

***Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet***

**VU 245**

***Opening Prayer***

Loving God, revealed to us in the mystery of Jesus the Christ, as we gather to give praise to you, be present with us. You have promised that in Christ we are heirs too, adopted as members of your human family, redeemed by love of Christ on cross. Set your seal of love on our hearts, clear the clutter from our minds and open every door within our soul that you may enter. Let our hearts be filled with your love, as we sing in praise of your name. Amen

***Prayer of Reconciliation***

**Loving God, the earth and all that is in it, is yours. But it is too easy for us to forget this and to act as if it is ours. Forgive us when we fail to see this truth and make choices at the expense of the world and those who live in it. Cleanse us of all that prevents us from loving you fully. Open our hearts and strengthen our commitment to be followers of Jesus, the one you sent to show us a heavenly way of life.**

**(prayer of silent confession)**

**We seek your presence. You are the loving goodness we long to be.  
Amen**

***Words of Assurance***

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

***Prayer for Illumination***

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways: in the song of a bird, in the babbling of a brook, in the voices of our friends, in the love of family and friends, in the songs we sing, and the stories of our faith. Speak to us now through the reading of scripture. Help us to hear your voice and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

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***Scripture Readings***

**Psalm 24**

**VU 751**

**Mark 6: 14 – 29**

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

***Reflection***

*Hymn: This Is God's Wondrous World*

VU 296

### **GOD NURTURES – WE RESPOND**

*Sacrament of Communion*

*Communion Hymn: Take, O Take Me as I Am*

MV 85

*Offering*

*Offering Hymn: Until All Are Fed (v1 and refrain)*

*Offering Prayer:* Holy God, whose love is so freely given, in response we offer our gifts in service to You. Bless us in our giving for the work of your church and the sharing of your love. We give in praise to You. Amen

### **GOD GOES WITH US INTO THE WORLD**

*Closing Hymn: Sent Out in Jesus Name*

MV 212

*Commissioning & Benediction*

Go forth remembering

this is God's wondrous world.

Let your heart sing with all of creation,

Be filled with the love of Christ.

Then dance to the rhythms of the spirit's call.

*Postlude*

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Ministers: All of us by the grace of God

Worship Leader: Rev. Linda McLaren

Worship Reader: Sarah Warren

Greeter: Cheryl Nelson