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*The chancel flowers on the altar are
in memory of
Ben Licko's birthday.*



A Stephen Minister provides confidential support, encouragement, listening, and prayer to those going through a difficult time. Contact: SUMC office, website, or Laurie NardoKunst: 910-934-5457.



“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



July 12, 2026
7th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Worship

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8:30 Worship

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

*Greeting from Psalm 119

All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

God's Word lights the way for us.

God has promised to abide with us.

So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

**God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort,
come what may!**

Hymns of Praise - Song Set 1 64, 77, 92, 108, 110, 138, 145

*Opening Prayer

Generous God, You never tire of sowing seeds of hope, mercy, and new life.

Prepare the ground of our hearts to worship You with openness and joy.

Where we have become hardened, soften us.

Where worries have crowded out faith, quiet our fears.

Where we have grown weary, renew our spirits.

**By Your Holy Spirit, help Your Word take root among us,
grow within us, and bear fruit for the healing of the world. Amen.**

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Scripture Lesson Romans 8:1-11 Alice Voss

Ministry Moment

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Hymn Set 2 147, 159, 171, 191, 246, 261, 314, 347

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon "A Sermon on Sowers, Seeds and Soil" Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

Hymn Set 3 364, 368, 369, 377, 378, 380, 404, 420, 451

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Hymns 467, 472, 504, 521, 526, 557, 580, 593, 700, 707

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

Hymn Set 5 2218, 2258

Postlude "As We Go" W&S #3183

"As we go, may Your Spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where You lead. May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard, and be a light unto the world as we go."

** Please stand as you are able.*