



May 13, 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter is a time of transition between Ascension and Pentecost, focusing on the themes of waiting, unity, and mission. It highlights Jesus' prayer for his followers to be one, just as he and the Father are one, as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and carry on his work.

Key reflections on this Sunday often center on:

- **Unity and Mission:** Jesus prays for the unity of his disciples, emphasizing that this unity is crucial for their mission to witness to the world.
- **The "Between" Time:** The period after Jesus' Ascension but before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which is a time for prayer, reflection, and deepening of faith, rather than fear.
- **Ongoing Presence:** While Jesus is physically gone, the promise of the Holy Spirit assures believers that he remains with them, empowering them to act with love, gentleness, and humility.
- **Completion and Commissioning:** Jesus reports to the Father that he has completed his earthly work, transferring the responsibility to his disciples to continue his mission. This Sunday serves as a reminder to work toward unity among all Christians, resisting divisions in the community, and to actively live out the Gospel in the world.

For the 7th Sunday of Easter the readings focus on Jesus's priestly prayer for his disciples and the early church awaiting the Holy Spirit. Key verses include Jesus's plea for unity ("that they may be one") in **John 17:11-21**, Peter's encouragement to persevere in **1 Peter 4:13**, and the apostles praying in the upper room in **Acts 1:14**.

- **John 17:1:** "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you."
- **John 17:3:** "And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."
- **John 17:11:** "And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."
- **John 17:21:** "...so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you..."



Worship Calendar

May 17	God with Us – and in Us	John 14:15-27	Rev. Eric Lee
May 24	The Wild Wonder of Pentecost	Matthew 28:18-20 Acts 2:1-21	Rev. Eric Lee
May 31	More than an Observer	John 3:1-17	Rev. Eric Lee
June 7	Communion		



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Common Scents

Please be advised that our church has a scent-free protocol. It seems that some of our dear parishioners feel unwell due to heavy floral smells. Please be considerate of those in our congregation who are affected by strong smells and odors and refrain from perfumes or colognes when coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you one and all.

A Spring Devotional Update (March 22)

A **new** edition of **These Days** (April/May/June), as well as the current edition of **Our Daily Bread** (March/April/May) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

Coffee Sign-Up

May 17 - Carol & Iris
May 24 - Margaret & Robyn
May 31 - Earl & Jackie
June 7 – Susan & Kathy

Please note: Effective June 14 we will be serving lemonade at the Fellowship time after worship. If you are so inclined to donate a box or 2 of cookies to help cover the summer months, it would be very much appreciated. Please give your donations to Kathy or Susan so that we can store them safely during the summer months.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries (Iran, Ukraine,) who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times. Pray for our country, Canada.

* Pray for **Ali Tavosoli's** family who resides in Iran.

* **Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Viralyn Goolcharan, Ethel Waite, Glen DeLine, Shirley Pollock's daughter Nancy, Ruth Ann Ross, Bob Woolley, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Lattimore, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family (Wayne, Shannon and Dale), Olive S.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor...could you please advise me from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.



A farmer whose barns were full of corn was accustomed to pray that the needy be supplied; but when anyone in needy circumstances asked for a little of his corn, he said he had none to spare. One day after hearing father pray for the poor and needy, his little son said to him, "Father, I wish I had your corn." "What would you do with it?" asked the father. The child replied, "I would answer your prayer."



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome to walk and enjoy Centennial Park
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:30 PM – Session Meeting
- * Friday, Sept. 11 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting



Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

Prayer Roster

May 17 Pastor Eric
 May 24 Koko Ikele
 May 31 Nancy McPherson
 June 7 Pastor Eric
 June 14 Kathy Twynam
 June 21 Halyna Parypa
 June 28 Pastor Eric

Lay Readers

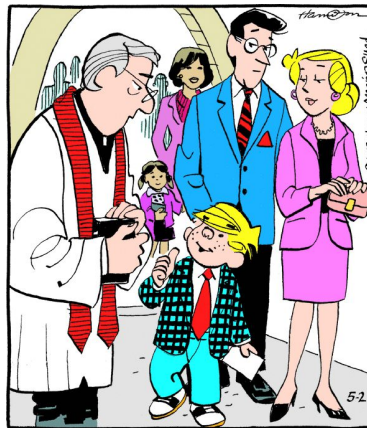
Susan Chopp
 Chuka Ikele
 Jean Fox
 Maureen Screen
 Margaret Munene
 Georgena Engineer
 Bob Twynam

Welcome and Announcements

Iris Lee
 Bob Twynam
 Iris Lee
 Kathy Twynam
 Nancy McPherson
 Susan Chopp
 Iris Lee



WEEKLY SMILE



"GREAT SERMON! YOU DIDN'T GO ON AND ON AND ON THIS TIME."

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3 Mission Awareness Sunday Dwan Billings	4	5 Walking Group 11:00	6	7 Service @ CPP 2:00	8	9
10 Many Roads, One Way Rev. Eric Lee Mother's Day	11	12 *Walking Group 11:00 *Craft Club	13	14 Service @ CPP 2:00	15	16
17 God with Us – and in Us Rev. Eric Lee	18	19 *Walking Group 11:00 *Session 6:30	20	21 Service @ CPP 2:00	22	23
24 The Wild Wonder of Pentecost Rev. Eric Lee	25	26 Walking Group 11:00	27	28 Service @ CPP 2:00	29	30
31 More than an Observer Rev. Eric Lee						

