

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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### **Welcome!**

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) Join us after the service for coffee.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Our worship service is open to all. The forgiveness received in the Lord's Supper is proclaimed to all throughout the service. However, the Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is to be received by those who have been instructed about its meaning and the unity it expresses.

*For this reason, we ask that guests speak with the Pastor  
before partaking of the Holy Supper.*

### **THE CHRISTIAN FINDS REST IN JESUS**

Without rest, we suffer. Studies show that after 36 hours without sleep, most people will experience extreme fatigue and hormonal imbalances, resulting in decreased attention, poor decisions, and even speech impairment. Other studies show if someone takes no breaks during their workday, their productivity is lower than those who do take periodic breaks. We need rest.

Christians know they need more than sleep or breaks. We need more than physical rest. We need spiritual rest. The Christian knows that the only place to find that type of rest is Jesus. Jesus provides more than a pause in work, more than enjoyable recreation. Jesus provides the removal of our sins, the cleansing of our guilty conscience, and a gentle new yoke of discipleship. In Jesus, the Christian finds rest from his burdens, rest from his battles, and rest forever in heaven.

*The service continues with **The Service: Setting One** on page 154 of the hymnal.*

**FIRST READING****EXODUS 33:12–23**

*The Lord gives Moses spiritual rest by promising that his Presence will go with Israel and allowing Moses to see a glimpse of his glory.*

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ <sup>13</sup>If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

<sup>14</sup>The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup>How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

<sup>17</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

<sup>18</sup>Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

<sup>19</sup>And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup>But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

<sup>21</sup>Then the Lord said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup>When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

**SECOND READING****ROMANS 7:15–25A**

*Jesus Christ gives spiritual rest to the one who wants to do what is good yet cannot carry it out.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup>And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup>For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup>but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup>What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## **GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 11:25–30**

*Jesus invites those who are weary and burdened to come to him for rest.*

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup>"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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| <b><i>HYMN: COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY</i></b> | <b>706</b> |
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## **SERMON on Romans 7:15-25a**

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| <b><i>DISTRIBUTION HYMN: I COME, O SAVIOR, TO YOUR TABLE</i></b> | <b>670</b> |
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| <b><i>HYMN: LORD, NOW YOU LET YOUR SERVANT</i></b> | <b>951</b> |
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| <b><i>HYMN: I LOOK NOT BACK</i></b> | <b>815</b> |
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