



# Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### WELCOME

**GATHERING SONG**      #399 *God Welcomes All (3x)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      (from Psalm 138)

One: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts; we give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: On the day we called, you answered; you increased the strength of our souls.

**SONG OF PRAISE**      #395 *Blessed Jesus at Your Word*

## CALL TO PRAYER

“Prayer is the way to let the life-giving Spirit of God penetrate all the corners of my being. Prayer is the divine instrument of my wholeness, unity, and inner peace” (*Henri Nouwen*) Let us pray:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God of our Wholeness, we come to you in our weakness, hoping for strength; in our worry, hoping for peace; in our forgetfulness, hoping to remember your kindness and our courage. May the gift of your forgiveness help us live more easily and act more joyfully. Amen.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. **Amen.**



## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**May the Illuminating Spirit fill and enliven us with fresh understanding as the Word of God is read and proclaimed. Amen.**

### READING: Luke 11:1-13

**11** Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."**2** Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

<sup>3</sup> Give us the bread we need for today.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don't lead us into temptation.'"

<sup>5</sup> He also said to them, "Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread <sup>6</sup>because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>Imagine further that he answers from within the house, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened. <sup>11</sup> "Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? <sup>12</sup> If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

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**

## REFLECTION

**Rev. Rebecca Bosarge**

## MAKING OUR OFFERINGS

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF DEDICATION, GRATITUDE, AND CONCERN

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.**

**SENDING SONG #543, *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me***

**BLESSING ONE ANOTHER ON OUR WAY**

