

Not by our  
*strength...*  
but by  
*His Spirit.*

Romans 8:2



## Prayer

Spirit of God,  
You know our hearts.  
You see the struggles  
we cannot explain  
and the battles  
we fight within.

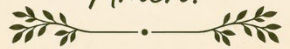
When we are weary  
and weighed down by  
our own failures,  
remind us that You are  
at work in us.

Help us to walk  
not in our old ways,  
but in new life  
through Your Spirit.

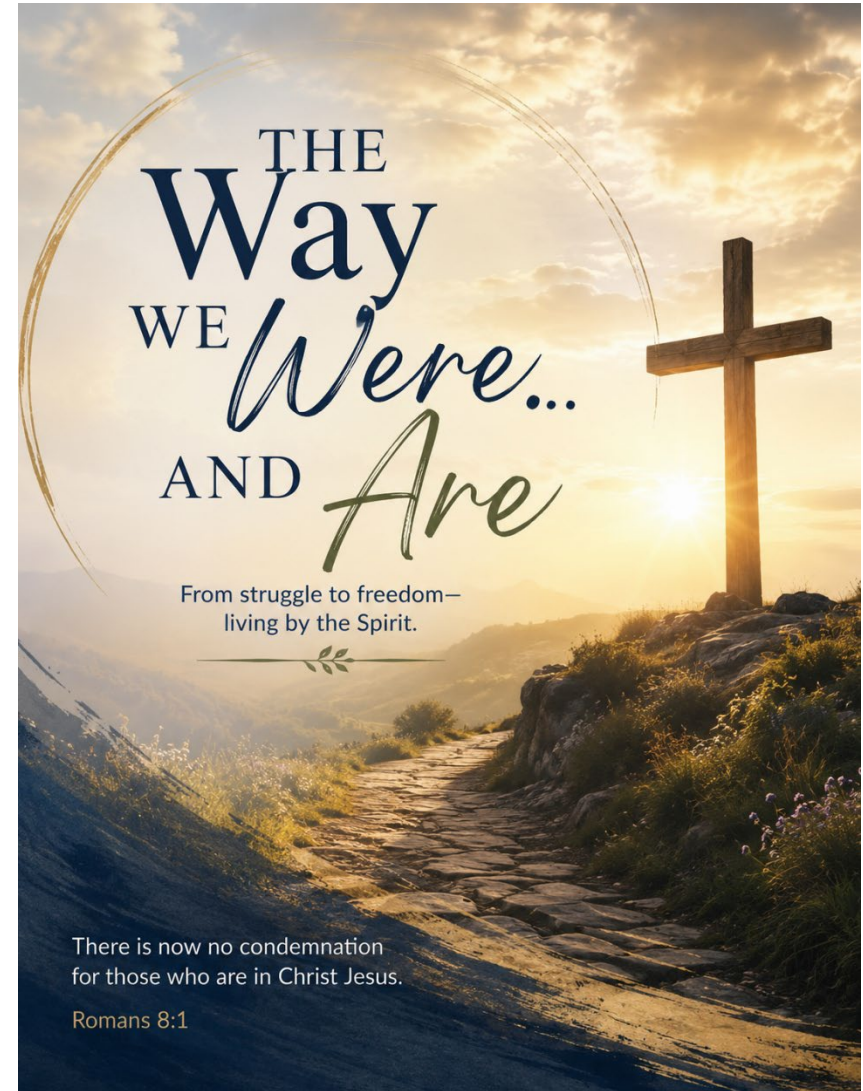
Thank You for grace  
that meets us in  
our weakness  
and power that  
makes us new.

In Jesus' name,

*Amen.*



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THE  
**Way**  
WE  
*Were...*  
AND  
*Are*

From struggle to freedom—  
living by the Spirit.

There is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

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Our Christian Worship of God  
July 5, 2026  
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude "America the Beautiful" *arr. Roberson*  
The Chiming of the Hour  
The Call to Worship "Surely the Presence of the Lord" *arr. Wolfe*

\*The Hymn No. 500 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"  
The Invocation

The Anthem "Be Thou My Vision" *arr. Parker*

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed No 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. \*universal**

\*The Gloria Patri "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it  
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Romans 7:15-8:2

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you**  
Minister: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Church

(Children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismiss to Children's Church with Mrs. Jessica.)

The Offering

Offertory "The Spirit That Dwells Within" *arr. Paxton*

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise Him, all  
creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen"**

No #95

The Sermon "The Way We Were...and Are" Rev. Tresco Shannon

The Prayer of Christian Discipleship

A Service of Word and Table II UMH #12

Invitation

Confession and Pardon (in unison)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not  
into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

\*The Hymn No. 422 "Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love"

\*The Benediction, by the Minister

\*The Choral Response and Recessional

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us  
walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the  
moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each  
moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and  
let it begin with me.**

\*The Chiming of the Trinity

\*The Postlude

\*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able