

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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Serena Rice, *pastor* • Benjamin Schroeder, *music director*



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share your contact information with the greeter, if you would like a follow up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward, or come forward at the end for the common cup. We offer either wine or juice and gluten-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. You are also welcome to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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WORDS FOR REFLECTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

PRELUDE

Prelude on FINLANDIA

Jean Sibelius
arr. Sally Drennan Mossing

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

C Amen.

P Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all mercy,

***C* we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of ☩ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

***C* Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Many and Great, O God **ELW 837**



1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1779–1846; para. Philip Frazier, 1892–1964, alt.
Music: LAC QUI PARLE, Dakota tune


P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE




This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.




Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, and rich - es,
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, and hon - or,



wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, and bless - ing, and glo - ry are
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A -



his. This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le -
men.



- lu - ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



- gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our



P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God,

C **You are great and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9–12

God's prophet declares the coming of a different kind of king. The one who is given divine authority will not reign as other kings. He will come in humility and peace.

L A reading from Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 145:8–14

The Psalm will be read responsively, by verse.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**9 Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

10 All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**11 They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

12 that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures throughout all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your
works.**

14 The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 7:15–25a

Paul shares openly about the struggles he experiences within his own will, which is caught between the lure of evil and the desire to do good. While this binary framing reveals the influence of Platonic philosophy on his thinking, he ends by giving thanks to God that we can depend on Christ when we are enslaved to things from which we want to be free.

L A reading from Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is	good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the
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desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the

law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Public opinion is fickle and inconsistent, but the wisdom that comes from God is a gift that can only be received, not accomplished. We can rest in the assurance that the wise guidance we receive from Jesus is not a burden, but an invitation to rest in his provision.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to the crowd, saying: “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-

places and calling to one another. ‘We played the flute for you, and you did



writ - ing with pow - er and with love,
point - ing the way . . . we must go,
strik - ing out at en - vy, hate, and greed.
heal - ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls,



our con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our tears
so cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we stray,
Our self - ish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un - just
so won - drous is its touch with love that means so much,



are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.
but we're guid - ed by the right hand of God.
are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all of creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A Faithful God, we remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, executed for protesting the ecclesial system; Benedict, teacher of a prayerful life; and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country, including military servicepeople, first responders, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered ministers and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in allegiance to the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Holy God, all your works praise you. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace,

C hear our prayer

A Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We and our neighbors come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its Declaration of Independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,

C hear our prayer

A Mother of exiles, extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Teach us how to comfort and protect people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially these we name before you now. (*Pause to allow private or spoken prayers to be offered.*) We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.

P Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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OFFERTORY

Offertory on JORDAN

The Sacred Harp, 1844
arr. David N. Johnson

All stand, as able, and sing.



cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the
 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.
 Grace our ta - ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a
 fore-taste, give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

A Blessed are you O God,
C for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of
 might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 -san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. (Ho - san - na...) Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. (...in the high - est.)

P Holy God, you alone are Majesty, you alone are Excellency, you alone are Sovereign. Within the vast reaches you spoke into being, you formed our star and this planet: purple mountains, fruited plains, crystal waters, towering forests, gleaming mines. Here you fashioned human beings in our infinite variety and hue, yet each one created equal, to care for one another and our earthly home.

In a time of peace enforced by the cruelty of empire, you came in Jesus to share our life. Born under the rule of a merciless king, Jesus revealed the merciful realm of God. Moving across borders to people broken and oppressed, Jesus brought healing, restoration, and freedom.

On the night when he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Remembering, therefore, Christ’s execution at the hands of a ruthless regime, Christ’s resurrection that buries death, Christ’s ascension to rule with love forever, we declare the revolutionary mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P God, shed your grace on us. Shower your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on your people gathered this day. Ignite in us the flame of freedom—freedom from prejudice, from supremacy, from fear; freedom for acceptance, for welcome, for the shalom that you have first shown to us.

Faithful God, loving God: Your Majesty shines forth in weakness. Your Excellency is revealed to infants. Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross. Yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the everlasting kingdom, the peaceable power, and the humble glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P Unite us in your Spirit as we pray:

C 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 and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

P Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven, come and eat.

C We taste and know that God is good to all.

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please observe distancing at the rail, hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.

Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have

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mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

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sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

This Is My Song **ELW 887**

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Stand, if you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A God of heaven and earth,

C we thank you that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise:



Tell ev' - ry-one what God has done! Let all who seek the Lord re -



-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us with your



prom-is-es, and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-



-giv - ing. A-men, al-le-lu - ia! A-men, al-le-lu - ia!

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, † one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

C Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION IN CIVIC LIFE

P People of God, you are chosen and named as God's beloved. You have received the gift of Christian vocation, a holy calling lived out in various dimensions of your life, your relationships and communities, your work and your rest. Daily and richly we live in the promises of holy baptism, sustained by grace to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

I ask you, therefore: Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others?

C I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life, nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?

C I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action, commending what is true and right, renouncing what is unjust and harmful, and working to mend what is flawed?

C I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Give to your servants courage, patience, and vision in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Empower us all in our Christian vocation to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable, and respect for the common life we share, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing **ELW 841**

All stand, as able, and sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praise Band



Next Week's Lessons:

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 7/5	Next Week, 7/12
Altar Guild	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
Counter	Ursula Schroeder	George Pawlo
Assistant Minister	Sandy Carlson	Maria Jerez
Lector	Maria Jerez	Anna Santino
Communion Assist.	Cindy Pawlo	Doug Laird
Usher/Greeter	Doug Laird	Mary Kasakove
Acolyte	Cindy Pawlo	Sandy Carlson
Soloist	Howard Corneilson	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Nick Senior

OFFICE HOURS**Pastor Serena:** Sunday 7/12 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**Catherine:** Thursday, 7/9 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginet, Linda Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore, David Breault, Charles Wetzell, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Heinz, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Shariff Stewart, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, David Laird, Peter Jensen, Joan Lewis, Jose, Brian Henkel, Mary Beth Mueller, Joseph DeSantis, Jenn DiDino, Nancy Tullo, Sue Corneilson, Mary & Gene Kasakove, Barb Phinney, Sarah Laird, Judy Wayman, Willey Langley, Courtney & Austin Eddington, Carol Schenck, Gray Lerner, Serena Rice, the Bevill Family, Teddy Favret, Kendal Ehrke, and Sunanda (Elizabeth) Maddela.

Those in mourning: Those mourning Jean (Moore) Milstead, The friends and family of the Benoit family who suddenly lost their daughter; The family and friends of Judy Day. The family of Tom Reed; the loved ones of Judith Evans (Pastor Serena's aunt), Evelyn Jorgensen and family mourning the loss of her half-brother, Rüdiger; Ellen Lewis and family mourning the loss of Mike Lewis; The Persson Family on the loss of Kayla; Those mourning Dan Filin (partner of Pastor Serena's mom); The family of Dawn Parks; The loved ones of Carole Ernstrom; Those mourning Maria's mother, Juanita; The friends and family of Kenneth Johanson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church office hours:** Pastor Serena's office hours will be reduced over the Summer as she receives cancer treatment. Her plan is to come into the office on Wednesdays, but some office hours may be cancelled depending on recovery needs. As much as possible, she will be available to the congregation by cell phone or e-mail during the week: (908) 458-3940; pastorserena@optimum.net. Her day off is Saturday. Our office administrator, Catherine, is in the office on Thursday mornings, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.

- **Food Pantry Needs for June:** Cereal, canned soup, pasta sauce, Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot-dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten free pasta.

- **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested send an email to Erin Porter with your dedication and date you want the flowers on the Altar and send your check to the church.

- **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, July 5:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Guest Preacher Rev. Sara Lilja
- Fellowship Hour
- Food contributions due for Soup Kitchen

Monday, July 6:

Tuesday, July 7:

- Faith Kitchen, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8:

- Seniors' Pool Party, 2:00 p.m. @ the Pawlos'
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9:

Friday, July 10:

Saturday, July 11:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.
- Rain Garden maintenance volunteering, 11:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, July 12:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- World Cup Potluck Lunch, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 13:

- Worship & Music, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, July 14:

Wednesday, July 15:

- Unfinished Objects Gathering, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 16:

Friday, July 17:

Saturday, July 18:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.
- Fellowship Hall/Narthex reserved for Bridal Shower, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 19 - Ice Cream Sundae Social, 11:00 a.m.

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below:

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