

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



“SONSHINE”

July 26, 2026



Hymn Sing

“Hyannis Sound”

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 150)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in God’s sanctuary; praise God in God’s mighty heavens!

People: We come to worship the God who created us, redeemed us, and sustains us.

L: Praise God for God’s mighty acts; praise the Lord for the Lord’s surpassing greatness!

P: We remember God’s faithfulness through every generation and give thanks for God’s abundant grace.

L: Let every instrument, every voice, and every heart proclaim God’s glory.

P: We bring our songs of joy, our prayers of gratitude, and our lives as an offering of praise.

L: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

ALL: With all that we are and all that we have, we will praise the Lord!

Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore thee” Page 89

Opening Prayer

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Confession (from Luke 17 and Hebrews 13:15-16)

Leader: Gracious and merciful God, You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. You have blessed us with life, forgiveness, hope, and the promise of Your abiding presence. Yet, like the nine lepers who received Your healing but failed to return in gratitude, we confess that we often take Your blessings for granted.

People: Forgive us for the times we focus more on what we lack than on all You have provided.

L: Forgive us when worry silences our praise, when busyness crowds out thanksgiving, and when we forget to acknowledge Your goodness in our daily lives.

P: You call us to continually offer a sacrifice of praise and to do good and share with others. Yet we confess that our words can be filled with complaint instead of gratitude,

L: Our hands can remain closed when You call us to generosity, and our

hearts can become indifferent to the needs of those around us.

P: Renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Create in us thankful hearts that rejoice in Your grace, lips that gladly proclaim Your goodness, and willing hands that reflect Your love through acts of kindness and mercy.

L: Like the one healed man with leprosy who returned to glorify You, may we never forget to come back to You with humble hearts, offering our praise and thanksgiving.

ALL: Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness. (Based on Luke 17, Hebrews 13, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

L: Hear the good news! The same Jesus who welcomed the thankful man who was healed welcomes all who come to Him in faith. He is rich in mercy, abundant in grace, and faithful to forgive all who repent and seek His love.

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Our guilt is removed. Our hearts are made new, and we are invited to live lives of joyful praise and grateful service.

L: As Scripture declares: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17) Receive this good news with joy: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, renewed, and set free to offer God a continual sacrifice of praise and to share God’s love with the world.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering

“Hyannis Sound”

Doxology

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*Hymn “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Page 334 (8:30 am only)

Scripture. Luke 17:11–19, Psalm 150:1-6; Hebrews 13:15-16

Sermon: *The Power of Praise!*

Song

“Hyannis Sound”

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn “Count Your Blessings” (see insert for lyrics)

Benediction

Performing today “Hyannis Sound” an Ache pela group who are performing here every Friday evening through August 14, 2026 at 7pm.

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Debbie Gannett

10:00 am: Linda Fermino

Coffee Hour

Laura Melix

Susan Harvey

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

Wes Shrum passed away peacefully on July 6, 2026. His Celebration of Life will be on August 7 from 11am till 1 pm. at 821 Lake Square Blvd. Tavares, FL. (JoAnn Shrum, 300 Lake Port Blvd H304, Leesburg, FL 34748 508-776-7614.)

The Craft Group is now meeting every Tuesday at the Annex from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm. If you would like to join, we would so welcome you!

Next week, August 2, we will be honoring our Church Secretary, Jane Gray, at our 10 am service.

This Summer we are hosting the acapella group "Hyannis Sound." They will be doing concerts here every Friday at 7:00 pm through August 14th and they are with us this morning.

Craft Fair on July 25 from 9 am till 2 pm. We are still accepting reservations if you are interested.

The Outreach Committee is collecting small toiletry-size sunscreen to give out at the Youth Street Reach picnic at Sea Street Beach on Sunday, July 26. This is a vibrant outreach mission run by our good friend Marilyn Lariviere and is part of the Cape Cod Council of Churches Homeless Ministries.

Beach Services are on Thursdays at 5:15 pm at Dowses Beach.

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

The Annex will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 am till 12:00 to accept donations for the next yard sale on July 25.

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