

Strawbridge UMC

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 24, 2022 (8:30am)

Centering Words – (*Hosea 1:2- 10, Colossians 2:6-10*)

A discerning God in Hosea turns away from Israel of the divided nation and makes an eternal promise to Judah, calling them Children of the Living God. Those who have accepted Christ as Lord, are admonished to live in union with him, be rooted in Him, be built in Him, grow strong in faith and have hearts overflowing with thankfulness. Caution is also given to be on guard and let no one capture our minds.

Call to Worship:

We gather to hear what the Holy One will speak.

God will speak peace to the faithful, those who turn to love in their hearts.

Surely wholeness is at hand for those who stand in awe.

Holy One, show us Your steadfast love; grant us Your wholeness and peace.

Let steadfast love and faithfulness meet us today.

Let us worship the God who calls us.

Morning Prayer—

Voices of Inspiration Selections:

- ***Sign Me Up*** (#194 Total Praise)

- ***I Feel the Spirit*** (by Kenneth Morris)

Notices/Prayer

Sermonic Selection: ***It's Good to Know Jesus***

Scripture: *Colossians 2:6-10 & Hosea 1:2-10*

Message Theme: **Discernment - A Time to Wait**

Closing Selection: ***Have Thine Own Way, Lord*** #439

Benediction:

As you have received Christ Jesus, continue to live in Him – rooted, built up, with thanksgiving, in true faith, forgiven, loved, filled with the Holy Spirit. Go in peace, patiently waiting, *discerning* how best to serve the world! **Amen.**