

St. James Worship Service



7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Serving Today

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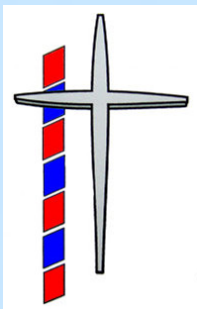
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Today's Music

533	<i>Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty</i>
681	<i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>
547	<i>Send Forth by God's Blessing</i>

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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

- 1. Open now they gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**2. Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!**

**3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.**

**4. Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.**

**5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.**

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr.
Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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We Plow the Fields and Scatter

**1. We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand,**

**who sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

Refrain

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord,
for all your love.**

**2. You only are the maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.**

**The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.**

Refrain

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord,
for all your love.**

**3. We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.**

**No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure—
our humble, thankful hearts.**

Refrain

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord,
for all your love.**

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr.
Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt.

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God
from this dwelling take leave.**

The supper is ended.

Oh, now be extended

the fruits of this service

in all who believe.

**The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for God and for all.**

**Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom
and answer your call.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday
life we will face —**

**our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children,
the whole human race.**

**With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this
life that we share.**

**Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his
name that we bear.**

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

Heaven has come near.
Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

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