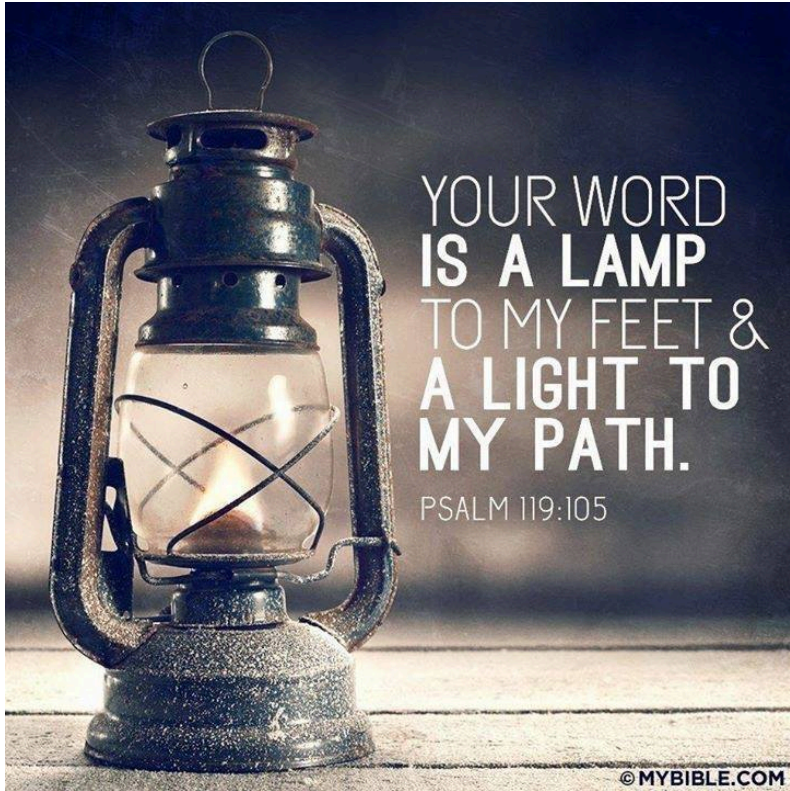


*FUMC San Benito 6th Core Belief:
A church that chooses love over hate; cooperation over competition; grace
over grudges.*



YOUR WORD
IS A LAMP
TO MY FEET &
A LIGHT TO
MY PATH.

PSALM 119:105

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either

On YouTube Live or in the Sanctuary.

First Time Visitors are Given a Special Gift

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: Are you in need of a Lamp?

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rudy Hyde

Leader: We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

People: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Leader: We gather as people inundated with constant information, fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

People: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Leader: We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith as the world around us is blown to and from by waves of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

People: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Leader: Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding, and guidance in the Spirit who dwells in you.

People: We come to set our minds on the Spirit who guides us and draws us together toward life, peace, and flourishing.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

TFWS 2165

"Cry of My Heart"

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

No. 880

The Nicene Creed

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Lord forgive us when we let our soil get hard so seeds can't get planted. Help us take the stones and the thistles out of our lives so our faith in you may have a place to grow strong. In this time of confession make our soul soil productive.

A moment of silence your personal prayer of confession

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Living God, you meet us this day with grace that frees and a Spirit that gives life. Shape us by your Spirit to live generously, to seek the good of our neighbors, and to share in your work of healing and reconciliation. Receive these offerings as signs of our attention being fixed on Christ and our lives opened to your renewing power. We give thanks; we give ourselves, and we trust your Spirit to lead us into abundant life. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

Scripture for Month of July Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

PSALTAR LESSON

Bill Elliott

Psalm 119:105-112

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!*

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Jesus' Research Project"

HYMN FOR COMMUNION

No. 601

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

HOLY COMMUNION

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**100% of our July Offering goes to T2T (Tunnels to Towers)
These funds help families of first responders and military families who have been severely injured get a renovated home and mortgages paid off. Veterans that have been living on the street are being provided with renovated hotels with efficiency rooms. There is now a scholarship fund for children who have lost a parent to a heroic act for college and/or technical training.**

***SENDING FORTH HYMN**

No. 664

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May the Spirit who dwells in you bless you with open minds to receive God's wisdom, open hearts to follow God's guidance, and open doors that we may together build God's kingdom of life and peace on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn

