

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION

5 July 2020

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

1. Here in this place
the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought to you here
in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

“Gather Us In”

- Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The steadfast love of God, the life of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to Our God Above”

1. Glory be to our God above,
praise to you for your constant love,
for our sins you have paid the price,
we give thanks for your sacrifice.

2. You alone are the Holy One,
Lord most high, Father, Spirit, Son.
Jesus Christ, you are with us here,
with the Spirit we know you near.

Refrain:

**You we glorify, praise,
bless and adore,
offering thanks to you evermore.**

(repeat...)

Refrain (repeat...)

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Holy and righteous God, you created us all in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us to work for justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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WORD

ANTHEM

“This Is My Song”

**Lloyd Stone, text
Jean Sibelius, music**

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Melinda Wagner

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
- I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

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HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

SETTING THE TABLE “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav’n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain:

**Sing with thankfulness
songs of pure delight.
Come and revel
in heaven’s love and light.**

**Take your place at
the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin,
the feast is ready to begin.**

3. The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav’n
and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, holy God...

...Through him all honor and glory is yours, O God, now and forever.

People: Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: We are all God's beloved children, and the risen Christ welcomes us to share this holy meal.

The body of Christ is given for us. The blood of Christ is shed for us

A brief time of quiet reflection...

BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: Amen

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do beyond us,

People: thanks be to God.

Assistant: For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

People: thanks be to God.

Assistant: For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

People: thanks be to God.

Assistant: Listen, Christ has promised to be with us
in the world as in our worship.

People: Amen. We go to serve in Christ's name.

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Be strengthened with the power of God, the love of Christ ✠, and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen

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CLOSING HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

1. For the fruit of all creation,
 thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
 thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
 thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor,
 God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
 God's will is done.

- In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace to bear Christ's love to the world.

People: Thanks be to God.