

August 30, 2020
13th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

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Centering Music for Quiet Meditation

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***Confession**

P: In the name of the Triune God + who creates, redeems and sustains: Let us pray.

**C: Compassionate God,
who hears the cries of the oppressed,
you call us to resist evil
and hold fast to what is good,
to take up the cross
and commit our lives to the cause of love.
But we are afraid to confront powers
that privilege some and diminish others;
we do not want to lose
the security we enjoy.
Forgive us.**

**Open our ears to hear your voice,
our eyes to look upon neighbors in need,
and our hearts to respond with compassion,
that we might follow the way of Christ.**

(Silent confession)

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

***Forgiveness**

Ends with:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

***Gathering Song #557 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” (vs.1 & 2)**

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept
and hast refreshed me while I slept.
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21

Mir Peterson

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Time with the Children

Sermon

"P&L Statement"

Pastor Doug Gebhard

Musical Meditation

A time to reflect and meditate on the Word.

***Apostles' Creed (Unison)**

Dave Fagan

AM: Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we were baptized.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Each section ends with:

AM: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

AM: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Extend signs of peace without physical contact.

MEAL

Offering

Musical Meditation

Offering Song “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

AM: God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Spoken in unison*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Words of Institution and Acclamation

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again.

P: Great is the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

**C: 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.**

Lamb of God (*Spoken in Unison*)

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. And grant us your peace

Communion of the People of God

Worshippers remain seated. Each pre-packaged communion set contains a wafer and grape juice. Please partake of each element when invited to do so by the Pastor.

P: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry..."
The body of Christ given for you.

C: Amen.

All partake of the bread.

P: Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Cut off from me, you can do nothing."
The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: Amen.

All partake of the cup.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

***Sending Song #798 "Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons" (vs. 1 & 2)**

1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know

and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?

***Dismissal**

AM: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.