

September 6, 2020
14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Doug Gebhard

Centering Music for Quiet Meditation

Amy Kapp

***Confession**

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

**C: Forgiving God,
You teach us to seek reconciliation
with those who have wronged us;
for, above all else,
we are to love one another.
But we let resentment smolder
until anger flares,
destroying any chance of peace.
We blame others and refuse to repent.
Grant us grace, we pray.
Make space in our wounded hearts
for the possibility of forgiveness,
and teach us to turn toward others in love
as you have turned toward us.**

(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** “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” (vs.1 & 2)

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1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

2 God be praised for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!

***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 Romans 13:8–14

Lisa Groff

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 18:15–20

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Time with the Children

Sermon

“I Am There”

Pastor Doug Gebhard

Musical Meditation

A time to reflect and meditate on the Word.

***Apostles' Creed (Unison)**

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

“As We Gather at Your Table” (vs. 1 & 2)

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1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

*Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**