



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 18, 2021

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren’t sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the ‘gallery’ and ‘active speaker’ modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (*adapted from Thom Shuman*)

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep pools of peace,
to the lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

Come, worship God

and find rest for your soul.

SONG - Come, to Me, O Weary Traveler

“Come to me, O weary trav’ler;
come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy-burdened;
come to me and find your rest.”

“Take my yoke, and leave your troubles;
take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you;
take and earn humility.”

“Do not fear, my yoke is easy;
do not fear, my burden’s light;
do not fear, the path before you;
do not run from me in fright.”

“Rest in me, O weary trav’ler;
rest in me, and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;
rest and cast away your care.”

SONG - *Woza nomthwalo wakho*/Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Woza nomthwalo wakho;	Come, bring your burdens to God;
woza nomthwalo wakho;	come, bring your burdens to God;
woza nomthwalo wakho;	come, bring your burdens to God;
Uyes’akasozaithi hayi.	for Jesus will never say no.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Guardian and Guide,
who desires to give us rest:
we confess that we add to the noise and strife
of our lives and the life of the world.
We avoid stillness
and take pride in our busyness;
we treat your love and acceptance
as a wage to be earned
rather than a gift to be received;
and we consume more than we need.
In our restlessness and greed,

we add to the burdens
of our neighbors and our planet.
Forgive us, Shepherding God,
and lead us back to the still waters of your peace,
where we can find rest for our souls.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SONG - All of Your Ways Are Peace

All of your ways are peace.
All of your ways are peace.
Though we are pressed on every side,
we trust that you are peace.

All of your ways are just.
All of your ways are just.
Though we may see it through our tears,
we trust that you are just.

All of your words are true,
all of your words are true.
Though we have heard so many lies,
we trust your words are true.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

GOSPEL LESSON* - Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place

by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON - Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

SONG* - Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide—
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul:
your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joy restored.
Be still, my soul:
when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake—
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul:
the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE SONG

Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.

OFFERING

(To give online, visit rescov.org/give)

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING

SONG* - *La Paz de la Tierra*/The Peace of the Earth (Guatemalan)

La paz de la tierra esté contigo,
la paz de los cielos también.

La paz de los ríos esté contigo,
la paz de los mares también.

La paz profunda
cayendo sobre ti.

La paz profunda
creciendo en ti.

The peace of the earth be with you
the peace of the heavens, too.

The peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans, too.

Deep peace
falling over you.

God's peace
growing in you.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*