



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 29, 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* (Ps. 30:4-5, 11-12)

Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;

give thanks in holy remembrance.

God's anger is short;

God's favor lasts a lifetime.

**Weeping lasts for the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;

**you have put off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

**O LORD my God,
I will give thanks forever.**

SONG - Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God,
is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart
and the boast of my tongue;
thy free grace alone,
from the first to the last,
hath won my affections,
and bound my soul fast.

Thy mercy is more
than a match for my heart,
which wonders to feel
its own hardness depart;
dissolved by thy goodness,
I fall to the ground,
and weep to the praise
of the mercy I've found.

Without thy sweet mercy
I could not live here;
sin would reduce me
to utter despair,
but, through thy free goodness,
my spirits revive,
and he that first made me
still keeps me alive.

Great Father of mercies,
thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love
of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit,
whose whisper divine,
seals mercy, and pardon,
and righteousness mine.

SONG - All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless,
and all the lost and lonely,
all the thieves will come confess,
and know that you are holy,
will know that you are holy.

Refrain:

And all will sing out, hallelujah!
We will cry out, hallelujah!
And all will sing out, hallelujah!
And all will sing out, hallelujah!

All the hearts who are content,
and all who feel unworthy,
all who hurt with nothing left
will know that you are holy.

Holy, you are holy Lord Almighty.
All creation sings your praises.
You are God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(adapted from Amy Loving)*

**God of grace,
we know that you have chosen us,
but we often forget that you have also chosen others.
You call us to be imitators of Christ,
yet many times we are imitators of the world.
You challenge us to turn from our idols,
but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again.
Rescue us, God, from ourselves.
Show us your way.
Guide our every action,
that we may live as you call us to live.**

SONG OF CONFESSION - Give Us Clean Hands

Give us clean hands,
give us pure hearts,
let us not lift our souls to another. (2x)

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 - Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you...

“Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and

ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

GOSPEL LESSON* - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition...

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON - Pastor Kyle

RESPONSE

SONG - Beautiful Things

All this pain,
I wonder if I'll ever find my way?
I wonder if my life could really change at all?

All around,
hope is springing up from this old ground,
out of chaos life is being found in you.

All this earth,
could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

Bridge;
You make me new,
you are making me new. (2x)

Refrain:

You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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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* - *Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan*/God Bless to Us Our Bread

Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan,
y da pan a los que tienen hambre
y hambre de justicia a los que tienen pan.
Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan.

God bless to us our bread,
and give bread to all those who are hungry,
and hunger for justice to those who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*