

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion



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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM
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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach
Isabelle Schueler, Cello

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

A Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING HYMN

Here in this place

[Please stand when invited.]

***Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreaming
brought here to you 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.***

***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.***

***Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining:
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.***

***Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray..... God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known through the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah:56: 1,6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 4:6-12, Matthew 15:21-28

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

☒ *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 56...*

The Lord says: Act justly and do what is righteous, because my salvation is coming soon, and my righteousness will be revealed.

The immigrants who have joined me, serving me and loving my name, becoming my servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath without making it impure, and those who hold fast to my covenant: I will bring them to my holy mountain, and bring them joy in my house of prayer. I will accept their entirely burned offerings and sacrifices on my altar. My house will be known as a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord God, who gathers Israel's outcasts. I will gather still others to those I have already gathered.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 67

Tune: *All People on Earth Do Dwell*

H. 377

[Please remain seated.]

***May God be merciful to us, Bless us, shine on us from above;
Let all earth's peoples know your ways, All nations know your saving love.***

***Let all the nations praise you, Lord; Let them be glad and sing your praise;
Let all the peoples of the earth Observe the justice of your ways.***

***Let all the nations praise you, Lord, And may the earth yield its increase;
Then God, our God, will bless our land And nations worship you in peace.***

The Second Reading

☒ *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 4...*

In the same way, David also pronounces a blessing on the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from actions: *Happy are those whose actions outside the Law are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Happy are those whose sin isn't counted against them by the Lord.*

Is this state of happiness only for the circumcised or is it also for those who aren't circumcised? We say, "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness." So how was it credited? When he was circumcised, or when he wasn't circumcised? In fact, it was credited while he still wasn't circumcised, not after he was circumcised.

He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that comes from the faith he had while he still wasn't circumcised. It happened this way so that Abraham could be the ancestor of all those people who aren't circumcised, who have faith in God, and so are counted as righteous. He could also be the ancestor of those circumcised people, who aren't only circumcised but who also walk in the path of faith, like our ancestor Abraham did while he wasn't circumcised.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open Your Ears

H 536 R1R

[*Please stand.*]

***God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!***

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***Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.***

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The Gospel

℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

℣ From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." But he didn't respond to her at all. His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us." Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel." But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me." He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table." Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[*Please be seated.*]

THE SERMON HYMN

All Are Welcome

[Please stand.]

***Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace:
here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.***

***Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and where; a banquet
hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God,
through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.***

***Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and love
and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.***

THE NICENE CREED

☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF AN ANNIVERSARY

Introduction

Collect

P O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on Robert and Cynthia who come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

G Amen.

P Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Bob and Cindy, who are celebrating 30 years of marriage, and have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

P Robert, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Cynthia in holy matrimony?

R I do.

P Cynthia, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Robert in holy matrimony?

R I do.

The Couple, standing or kneeling, prays together:

R We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P May God the Father, who ordained that it is good for two people to live in the covenant of marriage, keep you one.

G Amen.

P May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always.

G Amen.

P May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond.

G Amen.

P And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever.

G Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ☐ Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:
- ☐ Father of all, let all the world be saved through your Son. Let our president, and all rulers and authorities, seek and see your kingdom so that peace may reign in our time.
- ☑ **As your Son taught us, we pray for our enemies.**
- ☐ God of the Prophets, we thank you for calling all people to be righteous, justifying us with the free gift of your grace. Let this parish be a place where your testimony is received, where guests find a welcome, and where all are born anew of the Spirit.
- ☑ **Give strength to your church as together, trusting in you and supporting each other, we proclaim your kingdom with our lives.**
- ☐ Restoring God, there are many who may feel lost or even condemned as they endure trouble and illness. We ask for your healing to lift up and comfort [*names in notebook*] and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts [*leave time ...*], as well as all others who suffer.
- ☑ **God of Light and Life, help us to be the answer to the prayers of those who cry out to you.**
- ☐ Lord God, we give you thanks for the blessings we received from your hand each day, especially the flowers given today in glorious celebration for the ten years spent with Becky and Gus, and for the birthdays this coming week of Donna Pylman, Millie Levy, Carol Cates, Cass Schweitzer, Peggy Tomlinson and Kathleen Bleau, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Bob and Cindy Roehl and Robin and Dave Megel. We rejoice in the knowledge that all good gifts around us come from your loving hand.
- ☑ **We ask for one more thing, Holy God: give us grateful hearts.**
- ☐ Lord of Eternal Life, we ask your mercy on all those who have died, especially [*names in notebook*] and those on our hearts this day that we bring to you, [*leave time for people to give names, silently or aloud. . .*]. Let your grace and power give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist.
- ☑ **We ask also that your comfort and strength surround all who grieve, whether their loss is new and raw, or has been a painful reality for many years.**
- ☐ Bless us to be a blessing.
- ☐ **Holy Spirit, fill our hearts this day and every day so that we live our lives in ways that honor your image in us, our baptism in you, and our connection with each other. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ☐ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *[Silence is kept.]*
- ☑ **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- ☐ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- ☑ **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely.]

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

THE PRESENTATION

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

***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 safe-keeping, thanks be to God.***

***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.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joys

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

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

P We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

G **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

☩ Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

☩ Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

☩ Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☩ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

☩ 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

☩ We break this Bread to share in the Body of Christ.

☩ Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.

☩ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. **During this time of social distancing, we need to approach the altar rail one at a time.** Small cups with a wafer and wine will be on the altar rail. Please pick them up and consume them in turn when the server invites you to with the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven" and "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Place the cups you used into the basket on the altar rail. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

THE CHANT

Ubi Caritas

***Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there: God is dwelling there.***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

☞ Let us pray...

☞ **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

☞ Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the love of God to you.

The blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

O Zion, Haste

H. 539 vs 1,2

***O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should fail to know his love and might.***

Refrain

***Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.***

***Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
and died on earth that all might live above.***

Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

☞ Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

Alleluia

J.S. Bach

SERVING US TODAY

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| Celebrant | Becky Robbins-Penniman |
| Deacon | Cindy Roehl |
| Priest Associate | Ann Chaplin |
| Organist | Robert Moncrief |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Dan Depies |
| Lectors | Andrea Zahn & Terry Eldridge |
| Prayers of the People | Indra Eldridge |
| Ushers | Terry & Indra Eldridge |
| Building & Grounds | Pat Cates |