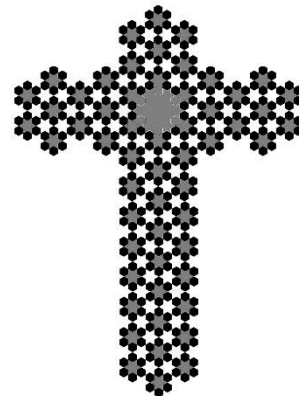


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8, 2021

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

CDC Guidelines: In accordance with new CDC guidelines, masks are again required on the church campus, including in-person attendance for church services, regardless of vaccination status.

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.

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

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

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.

Getting to know each other: Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave Quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Come Away to the Skies "Middlebury" George Shearing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GATHERING HYMN *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* H. 366 vs 1,2

☞ ***Holy God we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim, all in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.***

***Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: holy, holy, holy Lord!***

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Collect for Purity

☞ **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray... Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

☞ **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9,15,31-33, Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

The First Reading:

☐ *The First Reading is taken from 2 Samuel chapter 18...*

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Metrical Psalm 130 *Tune: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* H. 660 vs 1, 2,3,4

***Out of the depths we call to you, Lord, hear our voices, heed our prayer;
Look with compassion on our plea, Weigh our petition, Lord, with care.***

***For if you note each sinful deed, Lord, who could stand when you appeared?
With you forgiveness will be found, And therefore, Lord, you shall be feared.***

***More certainly than watchmen wait To see the daylight first appear,
Do our souls wait upon the Lord; We wait in trust and holy fear.***

***O Israel, wait upon the Lord, For with the Lord is mercy found;
Who pardons us of all our sin, In whom true liberty abounds.***

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians chapter 4...*

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

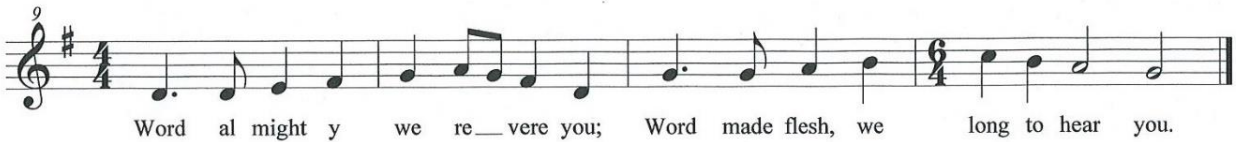
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

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THE GOSPEL

▯ *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

▯ Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

☐ Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church.

☐ Father, enliven the Church for its mission,

☑ **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

☑ **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world: we pray for our elected leaders, and implore that you will lead us and every nation into the ways of justice and peace. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

☑ **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

☑ **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for the community, and for those in need. especially . . . [*add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*]. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and make us willing agents of your compassion.

☑ **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole, that all may know the power of your healing love.**

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God and for the birthdays this week for Tony Bowman, Paul Martin, Tony Hill and the anniversaries of Jeff & Gail Griffin, Cal & Marilyn Ringquist. Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

☑ **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn (especially . . . [*add names from notebook*]). We remember with thanksgiving those near to us whose absence still leaves a hole in our hearts; I invite you to say their names, silently or aloud [*leave time*]. We pray for all who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

☑ **Father, into your hands we commend them.**

☐ Lord, you have called us to serve you. We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

☑ **Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.)

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

- Ⓓ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*
- ☩ **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**
- Ⓓ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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

- Ⓓ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.** *(All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY *Andante espressivo* Flor Peeters

THE PRESENTATION

- Ⓓ 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 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: Eucharistic Prayer A

- Ⓓ The Lord be with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.**
- Ⓓ Lift up your hearts.
- ☩ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓓ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☩ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

A **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, S130
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, 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 stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

P Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

☑ **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

- ☐ The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

How Beautiful are the Feet

G.F. Handel

[Please remain seated.]

THE CHANT

Taste and See

***Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- | Let us pray...
- ☑ **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN

Rejoice the Lord is King

***Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

***Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

***Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Darwall's 148th" Rejoice the Lord is King

G. Young

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist	Sandra Rogers
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jackson Bond
Lectors	Sally Miller & Nancy Fisher
Prayers of the People	Sally Miller
Ushers	Nancy Fisher & Bob Roehl
Hymn Selection	Pat Cates
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel