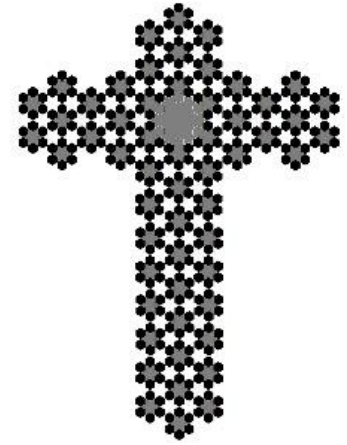


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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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 **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone
S Search Committee

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

My Heart Ever Faithful

J.S. Bach
Isabelle Schueler, cellist

[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.
G 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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up

H. 334 vs 1, 2

[Please stand when invited.]

***Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
Glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.***

***Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word; by your Blood new life receiving,
in your Body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
G And also with you.
P Let us pray. . . . O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
G Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Genesis, Chapter 50...*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 103

Tune: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

H. 524

[Please remain seated.]

***Lord, you are merciful, Both kind and slow to wrath.
You will not still accuse your own, Nor will your anger last;***

***You have not dealt with us According to our sin,
Nor in accord with our misdeeds Has your repayment been.***

***For as the heavens are high Above the earth and sea,
Upon all those who fear your Name, So shall your mercy be.***

***Our sins are all removed As far as east from west;
For as the parent loves the child, So is your care expressed.***

The Second Reading

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 14*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

[Please stand.]

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

The Gospel

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

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

℣ Jesus said, "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."

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

[Please be seated.]

Canon Michael Durning

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

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

☩ 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.

- ℓ We pray for the community, especially those listed in the weekly bulletin, 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.**
- ℓ We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today by Nancy Vallely in memory of her parents Jean & James's 75th anniversary and their 1st. anniversary together in Heaven, also for her sister Jane's 1st. anniversary in heaven. You are all missed more than words, and for the birthdays this coming week of Mary Anne Dorner, Evelyn Slama, Bob Moncrief, Robert Colacicco & Butch Niford, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Betty & Dick Fraley. Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
- ☞ **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**
- ℓ We remember those who have died and those who mourn (especially . . . [*add names from notebook*]). We remember with thanksgiving those near to us who have 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.**
- ℓ 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. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

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

- ℓ 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.**
- ℓ 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 COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

- P** Today we are commissioning members of the Church of the Good Shepherd Dunedin Search Committee to undertake an important and holy role. The committee is selected and charged with identifying and recommending to the Vestry three candidates for the position of Rector. We begin this process by commissioning these Search Committee members to undertake their responsibilities.
- P** I present to you Andrea Zahn, Mary Ratliff, Rhiannon Sharpe, Charles Schombs, Beth Brinsko, Sandy Kneen, Bruce Fahnestock, Carolyn Hughes and Tammi Wrest to be commissioned as members of the Church of the Good Shepherd Dunedin Search Committee.
- P** Have these committee members agreed to this high calling by saying, “Yes?”
- S** **Yes, we are able and willing to commit to this service.**
- P** Are you aware of the solemn nature of this undertaking?
- S** **Yes, we are.**
- P** Do you promise to stay true to the search process, following the guidelines set forth by the Diocese, uphold confidentiality, respecting the dignity and rights of all involved?
- S** **We do. We promise to perform faithfully the vital task of searching for a new rector. With God’s guidance and your prayers, we pledge to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all we do, say and decide.**
- P** I charge you, therefore, to use this opportunity to draw closer to God and to discern the presence of Christ in your lives; to be steadfast in prayer, constantly seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit; to follow the directives set forth by the diocese, and the agreed-on meeting standards, and, remembering that you are ambassadors of this church and diocese, to so conduct yourselves that you reflect the Christ within yourselves and bring credit on these institutions.
- S** **We will strive to do so, with God’s help.**
- P** Will you commit yourselves during this search process to pray for this committee, the vestry, our church and for the one who may be called by God to be our rector?
- C** **We will with God’s help.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.]

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

G **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

D Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

[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 OFFERTORY

Let All Things Now Living

Welsh

[Please be seated.]

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

D 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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:


**☩ Holy, holy, holy 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.**

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ☩** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.
- ☩** On the night before he died for us, 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."
- ☩** 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, according to his command, O Father,
- ☩ We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**
- ☩** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
- ☩ We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

☐ 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.

☑



A - men. A - men. A - men.

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

☐ God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

☑ **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

☐ 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.

[Please be seated.]

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.*

THE CHANT

Where True Charity and Love Abide

***Where 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...

☑ **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

[Please stand.]

☐ The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of our God; and the blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

H. 690 vs 1

***Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.***

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

March in D

J. S. Bach

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Sandy Kneen & Frank Kneen
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Maureen Belote & Nancy Fisher
Building & Grounds	Iris Brookins