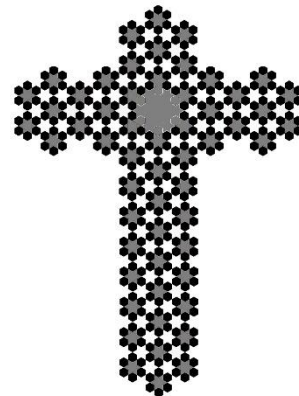


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 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.

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

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

A Simple Song From Mass

Leonard Bernstein

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GATHERING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

H. 376 vs 1,3



*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, raising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Collect for Purity

A 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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

The First Reading:

☐ *The First Reading is taken from Proverbs chapter 22...*

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Metrical Psalm 125

Tune: Rise Up Ye Saints of God

H. 551 vs 1-4

***Mount Zion's strength belongs To those who trust the Lord,
For it cannot be moved but stands Steadfast for evermore.***

***Around Jerusalem The mountains stand secure;
So does the Lord surround God's own, Both now and evermore.***

***The just are promised land Where evil cannot reign,
For then the righteous might stretch out Their hands to wrong again.***

***Do good, Lord, to the good, To those whose hearts are pure;
Abandon those of crooked ways; Make Israel's peace secure.***

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from James chapter 2...*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

☐ *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

☑ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

☐ Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,

“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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 Shirley Verbal, Brad Guerrie, Ted Dorner and the anniversaries of John & Sheila Scott. 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

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY

Let All Things Now Living

Welsh Folk Tune
Julian Guini, soloist

THE PRESENTATION

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

Take My Life

***Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **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,
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.

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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

Bagatelle on "Jesus Loves Me"

John Barr

[Please remain seated.]

THE CHANT

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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!***

***His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
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

☞ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

☞ Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

Allegro Vivace in F

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SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist	Sandra Rogers
Acolyte/Crucifer	Laurie Toohey
Lectors	Carolyn Hughes & Nancy Fisher
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Ushers	Steve & Caroline Maisel
Hymn Selection	Pat Cates
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel