

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion

Constitution Sunday



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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. Please wear a face mask.

**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

**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.***

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Air*

G. Hancock

*[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

*God of Our Fathers*

H. 718 vs 1

*[Please stand when invited.]*

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. . . . Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The Readings:** Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philipians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

[Please be seated.]

### **The First Reading:**

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Jonah, Chapter 3...*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

**Metrical Psalm 145**Tune: *O for a Thousand Tongues**[Please remain seated.]*

***I will exalt you, Sovereign God, And praise your holiness;  
Each day will I proclaim your praise, Your Name forever bless.***

***For great is God, and greatly praised, Greatness unsearchable  
Each generation, age to age, Your mighty works will tell.***

***Your majesty will fill my thoughts, The marvels you have done;  
Your wondrous acts will be proclaimed, And I will tell each one.***

***All flesh shall sing your righteous deeds, Your goodness call to mind;  
The Lord is gracious, slow to wrath, Compassionate and kind.***

**The Second Reading**

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians, chapter 1*

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

H 633 vs 1

*[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, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👉 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

*[Please be seated.]*

Cindy Roehl

## 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.**

**℣ 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, and for the birthdays this coming week of Jan Cote, Cindy Roehl. 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 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 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.**

## THE 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

*Balm in Gilead*

Spiritual

[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.**



☐ 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.**

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*[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.

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

**C**

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**A** **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

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

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

**P** 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**

*Eat This Bread*

***Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the goodness of God.  
Bread of life, cup of love, we rejoice in your presence.***

**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**

*O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies*

H. 719

***O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!***

**THE DISMISSAL**

☐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

W. Wold

## **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	Canon Michael Durning
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Carol Beauchamp
Lectors	Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Ushers	Alan Mackay & Marc Jacobson
Building & Grounds	David Thornton