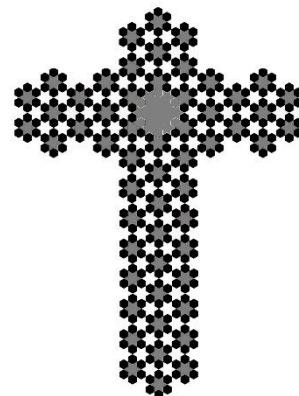


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 **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 enter the Nave Quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Liturgical Prelude

George Oldroyd

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GATHERING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

H. 423 vs 1,2, 3



*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.*

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... 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.

☞ Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

The First Reading:

☐ *The First Reading is taken from Proverbs chapter 1...*

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Metrical Psalm 19 *Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* H. 493 vs 5,6,7,8

***God's law is perfect, giving life, Reviving weary souls;
The testimonies of our God Are true for all to hold.***

***The statutes of the Lord are just And give the heart delight;
The precepts God provides are clear And give the eyes new sight.***

***The fear of God is always clean, Enduring as the sun;
The judgments of the Lord are true And righteous, every one.***

***And even more to be desired Than gold, the finest gold,
Far sweeter than the honeycomb, The words God spoke of old.***

The Second Reading

□ *The Second Reading is taken from James chapter 3...*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

☐ 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 Frank Kneen, Mary Anne Dorner, Evelyn Slama, Robert Colacicco and the anniversaries of Dick & Betty 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.

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

Be Still, My Soul

J. Sibelius
Julian Guini, soloist

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

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 hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.***

***Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.***

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.

- ☐ 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 SOLO

Lord, We Have Come at your Own Invitation

F. Green

Julian Guini, soloist

[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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

***Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***

***Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Gilbert Martin

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Guest Organist	Linda Pointer
Acolyte/Crucifer	Pat Cates
Lectors	Laurie Toohey & Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Alan Mackay & Marc Jacobson
Hymn Selection	Pat Cates
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates