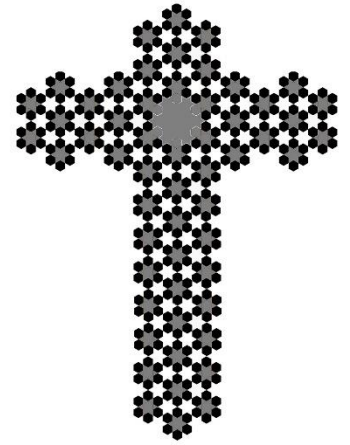


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 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

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

The God of Abraham Praise

Hebrew Melody
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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

H. 686 vs 1

[Please stand when invited.]

***Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. . . . O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

G Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-8, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Ezekiel, Chapter 18...*

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 25

Tune: *On Jordan’s Bank*

[Please remain seated.]

***Show me your ways, O Lord, my God, And teach my feet your path, I pray;
For my salvation comes from you, I trust in you throughout the day.***

***According to your goodness, Lord, And steadfast love, remember me;
The Lord instructs us in the way Of uprightness most graciously.***

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians, chapter 2*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

☐ 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.**

Ⓓ When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

[Please be seated.]

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.

℣ 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 Joanne Drega, Sharon Ozbun, Brett Dickie, Dick Fraley, Aggie Kall, Marilyn Ringquist, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Butch and Diane Niford, Bill and Pat Elmendorf. 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.**

ℒ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....

☩ **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 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.*]

ℒ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

☞ 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

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J.S. Bach

[Please be seated.]

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

☞ 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

☞ 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 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.
- ☛ **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.

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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

- ☞ 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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices,
the Lord is near: lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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***All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!***

THE DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

Rondeau

J.J. Mouret

SERVING Us TODAY

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Celebrant & Preacher | Michael Durning |
| Deacon | Cindy Roehl |
| Organist | Robert Moncrief |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Joe Nixon |
| Lectors | Mary Ratliff & Nancy Fisher |
| Prayers of the People | Miriam Benitez Nixon |
| Ushers | Phil & Carol Beauchamp |
| Building & Grounds | Pat Cates |