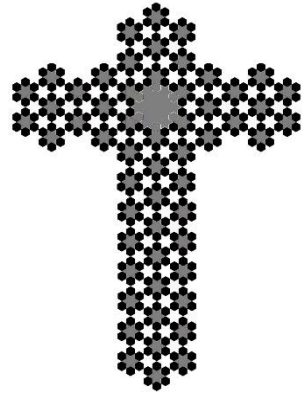


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2023

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

An Expressive Melody
Cantabile on DUNDEE

David Ashley White
John Ferguson

[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN H-551

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!

FESTAL SONG

**Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.**

**Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.**

**Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!**

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won!

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

**Praise the Lord, the day is won! Glory, hallelujah!
God for us great things has done. Sing, shout hallelujah!
Now let all the earth proclaim resurrection wonder;
in God's all enduring name, death is cast asunder!**

**Faithful in the Lord rejoice. Glory, hallelujah!
Raise to God your new-found voice. Sing, shout hallelujah!
Crowned with full redemption's light, by God's grace befriended;
life, behold the glorious sight; death, your reign is ended!**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Jonah chapters 3 and 4...*

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?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All sing this refrain, the soloist sings the verses:



R. The Lord re - mem - bers his cov - e - nant for ev - er.

Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds.
Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds. **(Refrain)**

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord!
Look to the Lord in his strength; constantly seek his face. **(Refrain)**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the Lord, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail. **(Refrain)**

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations
which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac. **(Refrain)**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Lector *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.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John Schiavone

All sing this refrain, soloist sings the verse:



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Solo: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
For you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia. **(Refrain)**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

People

**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 prefer.*

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Joanne Drega, Sharon Ozbun, Brettan Dickie, Sally Miller, Julia Peterson, and for the anniversaries this week of Butch & Diane Niford, Susan Howat & David Thornton, and Bill & Pat Elmendorf.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [add names from notebook] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

Please kneel or stand as able.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

People **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

Prelude on LAND OF REST

Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

THE PRESENTATION

All stand as able.

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.

PRESENTATION HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(Proper Preface)

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. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

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."

After supper Jesus 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:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

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.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-161

David Hurd

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

Tiento
From *Suite Médiévale*

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

COMMUNION HYMN H-304

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

LAND OF REST

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.**

**Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All **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 H-690

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through 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.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Choral Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Laurie Toohey
Torch/Chalichists	Dan Depies & Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Heather Elder & Linda Corliss
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Jim & Mary Ratliff
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	John & Sheila Scott
Soloist	Tony Halfhide

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Sep 17 – Parker, Barbara, Laura, Linda T, Cathy L, Bonnie L, Nancy C, David C, Colette S, Heather S, Russ Z, Bob S, Milly L, Olena & family, Elena G, Rebecca G, Ally F, Bill GW, Jeff M, Kathy J, Jim, Marilyn, Sue V, Jason C, Joanne, Gene, Clay, Leslie, Adriana P, Kipling, Nancy, Peter & Donna, Helen Marie, Amie T, Dolores, Jim G, Jim W, Dave D, Sherry B, Jackson C, Christopher J.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Joanne Drega, Sharon Ozbun, Brettan Dickie, Sally Miller, and Julia Peterson.

Anniversaries – Butch & Diane Niford, Susan Howat & David Thornton, and Bill & Pat Elmendorf.

Announcements

Peace by Piece – Interfaith Story Circle: You are invited to come to hear and share stories of peace created in small acts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sep 28th in Kirk Hall. Refreshments will follow. No RSVP is needed. For more information, please contact the office at info@cogsdunedin.com.

Blessing of the Animals: Our annual St. Francis Day service will take place on SUNDAY, OCT 8, 2022 at 10 AM in Peace Park* – our outdoor, shaded lot on Edgewater Dr next to the church! At our annual Blessing of the Animals service, we praise God, give thanks for all creatures who have touched our lives, and bless the furry, feathered, and scaled animals in our midst. *In the event of rain, the service will be moved inside Kirk Hall.

Walking the Mourner's Path: We are offering this 8-week workshop program beginning the second week of October. This is different than other grief programs in that it is Christ-centered and allows you to find an answer to the question “Where is God in my pain?” By inviting God into the pain, healing occurs. For more information, please contact The Rev. (Deacon) Cindy Roehl.

Before You Knew Me: There is a richness in our backgrounds that is waiting to be turned into living color, uncovered and shared. For three weeks, Oct 10, 17, and 24, we will meet in the Patio Room from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm for a fun way to learn about each other. Snacks will be served.

Choir Resumes: Our choir is preparing to resume next month with a first rehearsal on October 19. We have room and would welcome any new singers from high school age on up. Rehearsals are each Thursday from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 before the 10:00 service. Speak to or call Tom Huffman, (727) 409-8726 or talk to any current choir member.

Stewardship Kickoff Sunday: This year's stewardship campaign will kick off on Sunday, Oct 22 with all celebrating together at one combined service at 9:00 am. Our annual Ministry Fair will immediately follow the service and is a great time to learn about the many programs here at COGS.