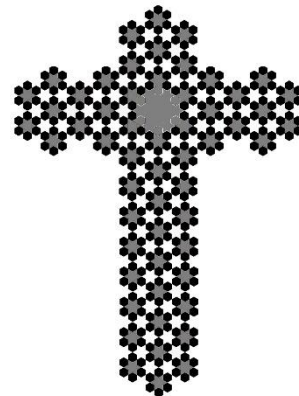


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Robert lau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GATHERING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

H. 436 vs 1,3,4

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***Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.***

***Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.***

***Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.***

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, 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.

☞ **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

The First Reading:

☐ *The First Reading is taken from Esther chapter 7...*

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Metrical Psalm 124

Tune: Forgive our Sins as we Forgive

H. 674 vs 1-4

***If God had not been on our side, Let Israel now say;
If God had not been on our side, With foes in fierce array,***

***They would have swallowed us alive While thirsting for our blood;
The torrent would have overwhelmed And drowned us in the flood.***

***The raging waters surely would Have buried us beneath;
Praise God who has not let us be A victim for their teeth.***

***Like birds from broken nets, O Lord, We have escaped from death;
Our help is in the Name of God Who made both heaven and earth.***

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from James chapter 5...*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

H.632 vs. 1,2

[Please stand.]

☐ ***O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

***The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.***

THE GOSPEL

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

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

▯ John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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 Margaret Kirk, Joanne Drega, Sharon Ozbun, Brettan Dickie, Dick Fraley, Aggie Kall and the anniversaries of Butch & Diane Niford, Bill & 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.**

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 *If Thous but Trust in God to Guide Thee* G. Neumark
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 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

Break Thou the Bread of Life

M. Lathbury
Julian Guini, soloist

[Please remain seated.]

THE CHANT

The Lord is my Song

***The Lord is my Song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life"***

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

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

***O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!***

***My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.***

***To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.***

THE DISMISSAL

☩ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Peter Benjamin

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Guest Organist	Brent Douglas
Acolyte/Crucifer	Heather Elder
Lectors	Sandy & Frank Kneen
Prayers of the People	Maureen Belote
Ushers	Nancy Fisher & Bob Roehl
Hymn Selection	Pat Cates
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe