

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2020
10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion



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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM
Our Sunday services are livestreamed

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, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Song of Peace

J. Langlais

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

- ☞ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
☞ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

- ☞ **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, Ye Thankful People, Come* H. 290 vs. 2,3,4
[Please stand when invited.]

***All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.***

***For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.***

***Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- ☞ The Lord be with you.
☞ **And also with you.**
☞ Let us pray.....O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☞ **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 44...*

The Lord, Israel's king and redeemer, the Lord of heavenly forces, says: I am the first, and I am the last, and besides me there are no gods. Who is like me? Let them speak up, explain it, and lay it out for me. Who announced long ago what is to be? Let them tell us what is to come. Don't tremble; have no fear! Didn't I proclaim it? Didn't I inform you long ago? You are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no other rock; I know of none.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 86

Tune: *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

[Please remain seated.]

***Teach me your way, O Lord, And I will keep your law;
O knit my heart to you that I May hold your Name in awe.***

***With all my heart, O Lord, I praise your Name today;
For in your love you saved me from The power of the grave.***

***You, Lord, are slow to wrath, Compassionate, and true;
Oh, turn to me, be merciful, Give me your strength anew.***

***Show me your favor now, That those who hate may see
And be ashamed because you, Lord, Have helped and strengthened me.***

The Second Reading

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 8*

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

H 632 v.1

[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 Gospel

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

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

℣ Then Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

"The servants of the landowner came and said to him, 'Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?'

"An enemy has done this,' he answered. "The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them?'

"But the landowner said, 'No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I'll say to the harvesters, "First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.'"

Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

Jesus replied, "The one who plants the good seed is the Human One. The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels. Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age.

The Human One will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have ears should hear."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

THE SERMON HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

H. 440

[Please stand.]

***Blessèd Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.***

***All our knowledge, sense and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.***

***Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.***

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.]

- ☐ Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:
- ☐ Heavenly Father, direct our way to you in this season and always. Let the congregation of Good Shepherd be a place where your son Jesus is known and your peace is shared.
- ☑ **We thank you for everyone who has gathered to worship you today, in this place and in every place. We ask you to bless all people in their walk with you.**
- ☐ Sovereign Lord, bless and guide the leaders of the Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, Rector, Cindy, our Deacon, and Ann, our Priest Associate.
- ☑ **We pray for ourselves and all ministers, lay and ordained, who serve your church, that all that is done in your name indeed proclaims your glory.**
- ☐ We pray for our leaders, that they may be guided by your Wisdom and be dedicated to the common good.
- ☑ **Give them strength and courage to know and accomplish your purposes in the midst of the evil of these days.**
- ☐ Let your nurturing love today strengthen those who are seeking the resolve to make tough decisions, take on new responsibilities, or break free from bondage. Bless all who are suffering from any grief, illness, or adversity, especially [*add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time. . .*] Help them to know they are not alone.
- ☑ **Give them peace, courage, hope and renewal, and through their struggles may they come into closer communion with you, the One who redeems and restores.**
- ☐ We thank you for the blessings of this life, especially the flowers that grace our sanctuary given by Donna Pylman in loving memory of her father, Henry Pylman, and for the birthday this coming week of Jean Roberts, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week: Brian & Mildred Levy. Let all Creation rejoice.
- ☑ **Give us one more blessing: hearts that know how to see and thank you for the countless gifts you bestow upon us.**
- ☐ Living God, bless those who have died, [*especially add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time . . .*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ☑ **Bring them into your light and love, and comfort those who grieve.**
- ☐ We pray that together we may live the promises we make in our baptismal covenant:
- ☑ **to proclaim by word and action the good news of God in Christ, to love all neighbors as we love ourselves, and to strive for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of all people. Let us offer ourselves to one another and to the living God through Christ. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ☐ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. [*Silence is kept.*] God of all mercy,
- ☑ **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**
- ☐ 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.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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.]

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

THE OFFERTORY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

E. Boatner

[Please be seated.]

THE PRESENTATION

[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

With Gratitude and Humble Trust

H. 705 vs 3

***With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee,
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C [Revised]

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

C **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

P At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

C **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

P But still we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

C **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

P Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

S 124

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

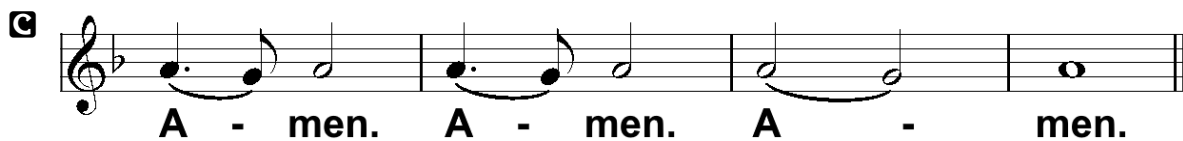
P Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

☩ Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us † and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;

☩ Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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

☩ Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains were gathered and made into this one Bread.

☩ So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

☩ 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.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. **During this time of social distancing, we need to approach the altar rail one at a time.** Small cups with a wafer and wine will be on the altar rail. Please pick them up and consume them in turn when the server invites you to with the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven" and "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Place the cups you used into the basket on the altar rail. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

THE CHANT

Where True Charity and Love Abide

***Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

G **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P God bless your eyes to see the world as God sees, your lips to speak to others as if to Christ, your hands to work and heal in the power of the Holy Spirit, your minds to discern what is excellent, admirable, true, holy, just, pure, lovely, and worthy of praise. Our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless your hearts and set them on fire.

G Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

***God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.***

***We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you
all that you give; help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care
for people everywhere, that all may live.***

***As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows. Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused your love bestows.***

***God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died
to make us one: we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.***

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

A. Campra

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Dan Depies
Lectors	Andrea Zahn & Nancy Fisher
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Nancy Fisher & Nancy Vallely
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates