



## Time After Pentecost Sunday, July 11, 2021

*An asterisk \* invites you to stand in body or in Spirit.*

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Prelude** — “Let Streams of Living Justice”

Setting by Marianne Kim

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant  
life. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Hearing & Responding to Scripture

### A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures — Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land.’”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 85:8-13 — *spoken responsively by verse*

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell | in our land.

10Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.  
**11Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**  
12The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.  
**13Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

### **A Reading from the Epistles — Ephesians 1:3-14**

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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**Gospel Acclamation —** hymn no. 528

**"Come and Fill Our Hearts"**

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace, you alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.*

**\*Gospel — Mark 6:14-29**

The Gospel of Mark, the 6th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

14King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon** — "Called to Speak the Truth, Hear the Truth"

Interim Pastor Bill Nelsen

**Hymn** —

"In Halls of Wealth and Power"  
Sung to the tune AURELIA

In halls of wealth and power  
where shadowed deals are made,  
The heartless ones devour;  
the helpless are betrayed.  
The ones who make decisions  
seem confident and strong  
Yet sometimes blur divisions  
between the right and wrong.

When Herod chose to wander  
from living as he should,  
John preached with mighty thunder,  
"Repent and do the good!"  
Then power danced with anger;  
revenge went dancing, too.  
When they all join together,  
what evil they will do!

O God of love and justice,  
when we feel sure and strong,  
May power never tempt us  
to venture toward the wrong.  
In all of our endeavors,  
give wisdom, Lord, we pray,  
That we may love our neighbors  
and seek your kingdom way.

In halls of wealth and power,  
in home and neighborhood,  
May we reject the evil  
and turn to what is good.  
May justice dance with mercy  
and service dance with grace;  
May nations lift the lowly  
till peace and love embrace.

## \*Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; our custodian and bookkeeper, our office coordinator starting with us this week, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Offering

Please remember to support our ministry. You can leave contributions in the basket on the table near the entrance to the nave, mail a check to the office, or give online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=283920>.

# Departing to Serve God's World

## Announcements

## Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Speak the truth. Hear the truth. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Sending Hymn — no. 710

## “Let Streams of Living Justice”



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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### **Online Assistants**

Pastor/Presider: Pastor Bill Nelsen  
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Director of Music: Cantor Emily Bruflat  
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Ushers: Carol Solberg and Betty Thompson

## **Announcements**

### **Next Sunday, July 18 - Outdoor Worship!**

- The July 18th service will be held outside at 10:00 a.m.
- Chairs will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket if that is your preference.
- Don’t forget your bug spray and sunscreen!
- Please continue to wear a mask outdoors if that makes you more comfortable or if you are not vaccinated.
- If you have your Communion Kit cups or another small cup at home, you are encouraged to bring those along to receive communion.

### **Public Access Change on July 18**

- On outdoor worship Sundays, there will be NO pre-recorded worship.
- The service will be recorded in real time and posted later the same morning.
- Our SPPA slot at 11:30 will be a repeat of the previous week.
- SPPA will air the recording of the outdoor service on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and add a showing at 6:00 p.m. as well as our regular times on Monday at 6:00 p.m., and Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

## **Prayers**

- We pray for the family of Ruth Kautt (Bill Kautt’s mother) who died recently
- We pray for Del Brouwers (family-in-law of John and Sharon Malm) who is continuing a long battle with cancer
- We pray for those who have recently undergone or will undergo surgery: Erika Schuldt, Glen Stryker, Aileen Bipes
- We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Tom and Deb Johnson, Tom Michels, Dick Muesing, Abigail Christenson, Betty Gustafson, Elgene Lund, Tom Stenson, Chuck Petry, Paul Aasen, Bob Cady, Marion Peterson, Joan Williams, Myrene Bunge, and Urusla McRostie, and for all those families continuing to adjust to the loss of loved ones.