



Time After Pentecost

Sunday, June 27, 2021

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude — “Healer of Our Every Ill” from *Hymns of Healing*

Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

The Divine Gardener cannot sow seeds of justice and peace
where there is nothing but hearts of dry, hard rocks.

We confess that our hearts may need tilling
and the digging out of the deeply rooted sins
that crowd out seedlings planted with divine compassion.

God of steadfast love,
you change bitter tears of remorseful hearts with raindrops of mercy,
Now let us germinate a new life, growing with integrity!

God of steadfast love,
you change the cold shame of contrite hearts with sunrays of mercy,
Now let us sprout a new life, growing with honesty!

God of steadfast love,
you change the stony edges of repentant hearts into landscapes of mercy,
Now let us branch out into new life, growing with generosity!

Divine Gardener, you tend us in steadfast love.
In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts.
Gathered as our family of faith, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us,
we can now produce forgiveness for each other as we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hearing & Responding to Scripture

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures — Lamentations 3:22-33

22The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
23they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

24“**The Lord is my portion,**” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

25The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

26It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

27It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

28to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

29to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

30to give one’s cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

31For the Lord will not
reject forever.

32Although he causes grief, he will have
compassion

according to the abundance of his
steadfast love;

33for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

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

Psalm 30 — *spoken responsively by verse*

1I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

2**O Lord my God, I cried | out to you,**
and you restored | me to health.

3You brought me up, O Lord, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

4**Sing praise to the Lord, | all you faithful;**
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.

5God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

6While I felt se- | cure, I said,

"I shall never | be disturbed.

7You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

8I cried to | you, O Lord;

I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

9"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

10Hear, O Lord, and have mer- | cy upon me;

O Lord, | be my helper."

11You have turned my wailing | into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

12Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

A Reading from the Epistles — 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

7Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

8I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. 9For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 10And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—11now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. 12For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 13I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

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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 5:21-43**

The Gospel of Mark, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O God.

21When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. 22Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 23and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” 24So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. 25Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. 26She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. 27She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” 29Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” 31And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” 32He looked all around to see who had done it. 33But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

35While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” 36But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” 37He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” 40And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” 42And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. 43He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — “Will God Answer?”

Pastor Steve Kidder

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?
- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

***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,

- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.
- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

**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.

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. 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 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. Be a part of God's mission working to turn this world right side up. **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Hymn — no. 1021 from *All Creation Sings*

“O God, to You I Cry in Pain”

1 O God, to you I cry in pain when
2 Give me the strength to face my ill, to
3 With in the com fort and the love that
4 Al low my mind to rest in you, and

sick ness makes me weak, when mind and bod y
trust in skill and care, to bless the hands that
hu man touch can give, re store in me a
let your peace per vade to hold me in your

out of tune bring fears I can not speak.
help me heal and find your spir it there.
larg er sense of what it is to live.
great er pow'r and not to be a fraid.

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Announcements

Fourth of July Outreach Opportunity - We Need Participants!

- Instead of in-person worship next Sunday, we will participate in the Fourth of July parade!
 - Help decorate our float on Saturday, July 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the church parking lot.
 - We're happy to hear that many of our committees are creating signs to carry - thank you!
 - Contact church staff ASAP if you plan to participate!
- Worship virtually on Sunday, July 4 or in person on Monday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m.

COVID Restrictions Loosened and Helpful Information!

The Health Advisory Team met last week and has an update for our congregation:

- Vaccinated persons no longer have to wear a face mask in the church building.
- Bring a face mask just in case!
- No judgments for choosing to wear a mask for any reason!
- If you haven't, get vaccinated! The Delta variant is highly contagious for all ages.
- Continue to mask at the church and in public if you are not vaccinated.

Prayers

- We pray for the family of Sheryl Strand whose mother, Mildred Loffredo, recently died.
- We pray for those who have recently undergone surgery: Erika Schultdt, Glen Stryker, Aileen Bipes, and Paul Berkeland (Sharon Malm's brother).
- 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 Ursula McRostie, and for all those families continuing to adjust to the loss of loved ones.