

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 6, 2021**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Ever-present God, as we enter this place in body, mind, and spirit, move us to settle into the notion that we are never separated from your presence. Your all-encompassing love binds us to your unending grace, and we seek to recognize your presence and your grace. Reveal it to us now. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: O God, our vision,

People: light our paths.

Pastor: O God, our wisdom,

People: guide our plans.

Pastor: O God, our victory,

People: be our peace.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

***CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Though your light shines in the deepest valleys, we confess that, too often, we do not see it; or worse, we turn our eyes because it is too bright. When you shine a light on the injustices in this land and beyond, you point us to the very places where you are already at work. "Come," you say. "Come and build my realm here." "No," is too often the answer we give. Choosing to stay comfortable, we remain in our own will expecting someone else to do the work. Too often, we turn our attention to things that matter more to us than to others. Forgive our selfishness, O God. Lift us out of the doldrums and bring us once again to life! Lead our spirits, by your Spirit, from places of stagnation to places of movement and life in the name of Christ. Move us with the same winds that blew across the waters at creation, and lead us to do your work in the world. Forgive us, Holy One, for refusing your guidance. Work in us now, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE - Based on St. Patrick, facing each other:**

Unison: Christ's peace be with you,
Christ's peace within you,
Christ's peace behind you,
Christ's peace before you,
Christ's peace beside you,
Christ's peace to win you,
Christ's peace to comfort you and restore you. Christ's peace be
with you.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: I Samuel 8:1 – 22

Cindy Talaber

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: *Change is Difficult Even When You Ask For It*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *BLESSED ASSURANCE*

- Brian Jones

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

We are a community of faith.

We share a vision of God:

a God whose spirit is love,
accessible to all yet beyond our knowing,
the source of all being,
the way leading to wholeness,
the spirit which pervades everything.

We search for the meaning of God and our own experience
revealed in those sacred stories which have been passed down to us.

We tell them again and again:

Of God the Creator, the Almighty,
who made everything that is,
and saw that it was good.

Of Jesus of Nazareth, who in history lived among us,
healed the afflicted, taught, suffered and died.

He forgave those who crucified him.

In the mystery of the resurrection

he continues to live more profoundly through the ages,

the Incarnation of Love, the Christ,

to whom his disciples have responded "My Lord and my God!"

He shows us the Way which leads

to the reconciliation of all things, saying

"Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me."

It is the Way of love, compassion, justice, forgiveness and peace.

**Of the Spirit, the Breath, the Wind of God,
the Giver of Life, the Holy Wisdom,
who inspires the people of God
to cry out for justice for the powerless and oppressed,
to see the presence of God in every created thing,
and to respond with love.**

**Of the communion of saints: all the people of God,
living, dead and yet to be born,
who are empowered to recognize that they are,
and always have been,
brothers and sisters,
one family in God.**

**We are reborn in the Spirit,
followers of that Way shown by Jesus:**

**to love God with our whole being;
to love our neighbors as ourselves;
to treat others as we would have them treat us;
to strive for justice and peace;
to have respect and compassion for every person
and for the whole of creation;
to forgive those who do us harm;
to love one another as Christ has loved us.**

**We journey together on this Way
towards reconciliation with the whole creation.
We break bread together and pray together.
We reach out to one another
for strength beyond our own.**

This is our community. This is our faith.

***HYMN: PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD**

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***1 Praise to the living God, the God of love and light, Whose word brought forth
the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight; Whose infinite design, which we but
dimly see, Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.***

***2 Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive, Whose Spirit formed
upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life; Who caused them to evolve,
unwitting, toward God's goal, Till humankind stood on the earth, as living,
thinking souls.***

***3 Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain, Who shares with us our
common life, the sacred and profane. God toils where'er we toil, in home and
mart and mill; And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.***

4 Praise to the living God, around, within, above, Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love. In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife, May we bear witness to the Way; O Source and Goal of life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Guiding God of all creation, all too often, we do not respond to your holy nudging. We prefer the safety of our expectations.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Pastor: We rebel against your plans, and in doing so, suffering and injustice are prolonged in the world.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Pastor: Forgive us when we are selfish, when our ways become more important than yours.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Pastor: Forgive us when our voices become louder than yours, and when we become more important than others, for that is not the example of Christ.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Pastor: Grant that we, your people, have eyes to see where you lead, ears to hear your encouraging words, and the courage to go where you send us. We ask these things in the name of the One who exhibits and enables all this, Jesus the Messiah.

Pause for private intercessions

Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass.

We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

SPECIAL MUSIC: BEAUTIFUL – MercyMe

- Darin Jellison

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Out of your abundance, God, we have been blessed in so many ways. Reveal to us now what it is that we can offer to you in return. Bless what we give of

ourselves, not because it is much, but because it is given in earnest. As we recognize our dependence on your grace, remind us that your ways are higher than our own, and that you use what we offer to extend that same grace into all the world. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN: I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD** 295

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, faithful their whole lives through, who bravely labored, lived, and died for the God they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, another a shepherd on pastures green: they were saints of God, if you know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.

2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was loving that made them strong; They did what was right, for Jesus' sake, lived justly their whole lives long. And one was a prophet, and one was a priest, and another was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is no earthly reason, none in the least, why I shouldn't be one, too.

3 They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still; The world is filled with living saints who choose to do God's will. You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea; for the saints are folk like you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Special thanks to our volunteers:

Head Usher: Jerry Trexler

Ushers: Cindy Talaber & Joan Hassler

Lay Reader: Cindy Talaber

Special Music: Brian Jones & Darin Jellison

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and to all who are worshiping with us – be it in person, listening on the phone, or watching on your computer, tablet, or cell phone – we thank you for joining us.

God's Blessings to you!