



SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST / PROPER 6

— Gathering —

PRELUDE #316

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Westendorf, 1960

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,

God welcomes us here.

Whether we seek healing and wholeness, or stand ready to extend compassion,

God welcomes us here.

Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain, or renewed and refreshed, our souls at peace, we gather to hear the good news:

The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #35 (482)

"Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty"

Neander, 1680

(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)

CONFESSION

Trusting that God washes us with grace and pours love into our hearts, let us confess the ways we continue to sin and fall short of the glory of God.

Holy God, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom to all who are lost, all who are afflicted, all who are captive, all who have been cast out. But we are content to proclaim the in-breaking of your kingdom within familiar communities where we know others will receive this news with nods of agreement. Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe, and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service, that we might be the laborers you call us to be.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, hear the good news: Since we are made righteous by faith, and faith alone, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, we know the fullness of God's grace!

Rejoice, and abide in hope,

for in Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God!

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Our first scripture this morning is from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 5, verses 1 through 8. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Our second reading is from the gospel according to Matthew chapter 9 verse 35 through chapter 10 verse 8. Hear the word of the Lord.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ***Thanks be to God.***

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE**HYMN #451 (324)****"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

Scott, 1895

*(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER—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.

— *Response* —

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Even though we are connecting differently, we are still doing the work of the church. We are thankful that you continue to support the church and our ministries with your tithes and offerings. Thank you!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

— *Sending* —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—be with you now and always. ***Alleluia!***

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here I am; send me!" ***Amen.***

HYMN #65 (281)**"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Williams, 1762

(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)

"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"

