



SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST / PROPER 8

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Bode, 1866

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

Come from the fields of your daily labors,
return from the journeys that have taken you far from home—
come, here is rest and renewal.

*We gather, hearts ready
to receive God's life-giving Word.*

Come to this table, where all find welcome,
and this font, where grace overflows—
come into the presence of the Living Lord.

*We come to praise God—
the sender and the sent.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #697 (391)

"Take My Life"

Havergal, 1874

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

CONFESSION

*God, you send us as prophets
to proclaim your coming reign.
You send us out as witnesses
to embody your justice, kindness, and mercy.
Yet we shrink from your call to serve
as messengers of your kingdom.
We cling to safe surroundings
and turn from the demands of discipleship.
Forgive us, we pray.
Embolden us and send us again
as heralds of your good news.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, trust in God's faithful love;
rejoice in the salvation we have through Christ!
*We will sing to the Lord
who has been good to us!*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Our first reading is from the book of Psalms. Psalm 89, verses 1 through 4 and 15 through 18. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our Gospel lesson is from the gospel according to Matthew chapter 10 verses 40 through 42. The word of God for the people of God.

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

SERMON

"Loyalty and Success"

Rev. Michele R. Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

HYMN #203 (367) ***"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"***

Colvin, 1969

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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.***

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!**

Lead a life worth of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

HYMN #339 (563) ***"Lift Every Voice and Sing"***

Johnson, 1900

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

"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"

