



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE #182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Bonar, 1846

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

Come to me, Jesus says. All who are weary, **come to me.**
And you, who carry heavy loads, **come to me.**
For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Let us draw near to Jesus, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #611 (464)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Van Dyke, 1907

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

CONFESSION

Trusting in the promise of grace,
let us confess our struggles with the power of sin.

Merciful God, we fill our lives with comfort and convenience, distractions that consume our energy and time. We chase after wealth and power as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls. But you beckon us toward new life, a life made rich through Sabbath and service. Free us from the yokes that bind us and draw us near to you, until we learn to walk with Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's compassion is over all of creation; God's mercy covers us and gives us new life.
Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Our gospel lesson today is from the gospel according to Matthew chapter 11, verses 16 through 19 and 25 through 30. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

HYMN #824 (527)

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

McAfee, 1901

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust. Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed,
may we have enough;

for the mourners and the mockers,
may we laugh together;

for the victims and the oppressors,
may we share power wisely;

for the peacemakers and the warmongers,
may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

for the silenced and the propagandists,
may we speak our own words in truth;

for the unemployed and the overworked,
may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

for the troubled and the secure,
may we live together as wounded healers;

for the homeless and the pampered,
may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;

for the vibrant and the dying,
may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER—UNISON

— Eucharist —

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

At this time in the service, we would usually collect our gifts and offerings. Even though we are worshipping differently, we are still doing the work of the church. We are thankful that you continue to support our church and her ministries with your time, talent and treasure. 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

While we tune in from many places, we are united at the Lord's Supper. We are bound together by love across time and distance, for this table is not my table or your table...

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is the bread of life and the cup of justice for you.

HYMN #475 (356) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Robinson, 1758

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

— Sending —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

HYMN #756 (289) "O God of Every Nation"

Reid, Jr., 1958

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

"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"

