

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Time after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Creator God, all that is comes from you. It is you that calls plants to spring up from the ground and you

cause rain to fall upon the earth. It is you who breathe life into our lives and nourish us every day.

Thank you for the gift of life and the gift of creation.

Teach us to be good keepers of your creation, good tillers of your soil, good caretakers of your world.

We are sorry for the times we have hurt you by taking advantage of your creation or not seeing the

value that you see in every living thing. Forgive us and free us from sin, guilt, shame, and the need to

blame our mistakes on others.

There is no need to hide from God, there is no need to feel shame and guilt because God forgives you all

your sin. Open your eyes to see the true nature of God: a loving parent, a gentle creator, a forgiving

presence in the world. Know that all your sins have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Gathering Song

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Hymnal #523

Refrain:

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ry-one, with your gifts to share.

1. I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*
2. God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*
3. May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

Text: Guillermo Cuellar, b. 1955; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William
Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; Music: Guillermo Cuellar, b. 1955

Greeting

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Forgiving God,

Our human lives are filled with mistakes and failures, yet you meet our sin
with faithfulness and forgiveness. We are sorry for the ways that we turn
away from you and ask that you would take away our shame and give us
grace in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:2-8

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Then some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

Word of God, Word of Life **Thanks be to God**

Children's Message

Please stand, as you are able

Scripture Acclamation Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

God's Word for the Day

Genesis 3:1-13, 22-24

A reading from Genesis. Hear God's Word for God's People.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

Then the LORD God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

Message

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song

Hymn of the Day There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #588

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

- 2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

- 3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the head.

- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all sunshine
in the sweetness of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 105

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 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,
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

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you

Please share the peace of our Risen Christ with your neighbors

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Anthem All Things Bright and Beautiful

Offertory Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Hymnal #182

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God, your time will never cease. Help us to see time as a part of your creation and to be good stewards of this gift that you have given us. May we offer our time to you and may you bless that offering as you bless these offerings that we give to you now. Amen.

Amen.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The time is now. Jesus calls us all to this meal.

Hymn

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

#735

1. Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
2. Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

3. Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342- c. 1413
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Hymn Healer of Our Every Ill #612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Hymn Chief of Sinners Though I Be #609

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
died that I might live on high,
lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his, and he is mine.

- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
deeper than the depths of sea,
lasting as eternity.
Love that found me—wondrous thought—
found me when I sought him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By your Spirit and your word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793-1870

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Prayer after Communion

Creator God, you have made this time that we have gathered around your table. You have made the wood that formed this table, the wheat of bread, the fruit of the vine. As you have created all things, and have given us a new beginning in this meal. Send us out ready to serve all of creation in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements
Benediction

May the God who created the universe, dwell in your hearts, souls, and minds. May the God who breathed life into all beings, open your eyes to see the beauty of the world around. May the God who promises faithfulness and grace fill you with hope and be with you as you go from this place. Amen.

Amen.

Sending Song

This Is My Father's World

#824

This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Dismissal

Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love. **It's about time.**

Postlude