

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Time after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

God you come to us, your presence a burning fire in our lives.

Forgive us for the times that we have ignored your invitation.

Pharaoh's hardened heart declares judgement and death and we are surrounded by fear and hate for those who are not like us.

Forgive us for the times that we have been silent in the face of evil.

God, you provide our daily bread and nurture every aspect of our lives.

Forgive us for the times we complain against you.

God for these sins and all the other ways we turn against you we ask for mercy.

Bring us out of our selfish ways and help us turn to you.

Only God can bring us out of the land of sin and carry us to the promised land of grace and forgiveness. In Christ yours sins are forgiven. In Christ you are accepted. In Christ you are loved.

Thanks be to God.

Gathering Song Faith of Our Fathers Hymnal #813

(Please sing the text on the right hand page – you will need to announce this – there are other words on the left hand page)

1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,

your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

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sts. 2-4

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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...

God with us,

You call us to your service and send us out to make a difference in the world. Help us when we, like Moses before us, feel inadequate to the role you have set before us. Give us faith to see your presence with us and strength to accomplish the task you have set before us.

Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

First Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from the First Samuel

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

Exodus 3:1-12

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

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

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 Be Thou My Vision Hymnal #793

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

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 From the Apple in the Garden Hopp

Offertory Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Hymnal #182

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God, through times of transition and change you have led your people. Lead us now. Gather our gifts and talents and build a community of faith that acts with purpose and love to serve all in your name. **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.

Lamb of God

Hymnal pg. 174

Lamb of God, you take away
The sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymnal #798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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Hymn By Your Hand You Feed Your People

1 By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,
bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom
satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

3 Send us now with faith and courage
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive: *Refrain*

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

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Song Let Us Break Bread Together Hymnal #471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
 let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

 When I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
 let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God your presence is all around us and your love for us in unchanging.
Thank you for the bread that comes down from heaven and feeds our every
need.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

Let go of all that holds you back and journey forward with God to a new day.
God's love is with you, changing your heart. God's peace is with you,
transforming your mind. God's hope is with you, inspiring your soul. Go in
the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Song

How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal #796

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Dismissal

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

Postlude