

6th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 20, 2025 9:30 am

Pastor Matthew Groenke Assisting Minister – Jean Gifford Altar Guild – Sherry Wukasch & Peggy Parker AV Console Operator – Kevin Kluge & Martin Jakubowsky Children's Message – Vicki Lovett Greeter – Sharion Tanner & Delores Brydson Praise Band – Sotaria

GATHERING SONG

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God. you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen. You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

OPENING SONG

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be With God as our Father Brothers all are we Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now With ev'ry step I take Let this be my solemn vow To take each moment And live each moment In peace eternally Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me Jill Jackson | Sy Miller 1955. Renewed 1983 Jan - Lee Music CCLI License # 708394 CCLI Song # 93690

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10a

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass onsince you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? ² Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

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Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

PASTOR

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this What you require of me Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

> It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet Good news to all the world The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

> It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing

It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown Faith just like a seed The only way it grows

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APOSTLES' CREED

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 OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY SONG

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you And also with you Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give our thanks and praise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

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

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 Forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us Forgive us our trespasses

> Our father, who art in heaven Hallowed be thy name

PASTOR

Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done On earth as it is in heaven

Our Lord lead us not into temptation But save us from evil And the Kingdom of power And the glory forever will be yours

Our father, who art in heaven Hallowed be thy name Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done On earth as it is in heaven John Michael Talbot c 1979 Troubadour For The Lord Music CCLI 708394 #3048920

Make Me A Servant

Make me a servant humble and meek. Lord let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, Make me a servant today.

Make me a servant humble and meek. Lord let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant,

Make me a servant today.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

PASTOR

CLOSING SONG

Till All My People Are One

Stand together for what you believe Work for what must be done Love each other in all that you do Till all my people are one

Spread the peace my people Spread it ev'rywhere Make the world know right from wrong Help the world to care

Stand together for what you believe Work for what must be done Love each other in all that you do Till all my people are one

Open your hearts my brothers, Lend a willing hand Show the lonely and the poor That God is in our land

Stand together for what you believe Work for what must be done Love each other in all that you do Till all my people are one

Know that He is with us In everything we do Though hard times may lie ahead Peace will follow through

Stand together for what you believe Work for what must be done Love each other in all that you do Till all my people are one

GOOD NEWS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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