

17th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

This I Believe

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Creation Sings the Father's Song

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WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Words by Charles Wesley, music by John Darwall. Arr. by Don Chapman

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1.

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2.

Our Savior Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had conquered death He took His throne above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3.

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er heaven and earth;

He took away death's sting and we now have re-birth!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

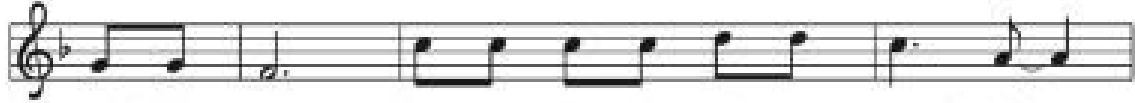
HYMN OF PRAISE



2 Ser - a - phim con - tin - ue sing - ing; cher - u - bim still lift their
3 One day heav - en will be o - pened and be - fore the Sav - ior's



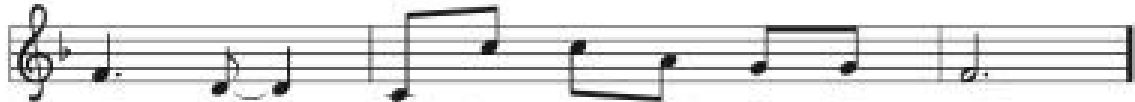
praise. Earth and all its crea - tures wor - ship; moon and stars are
throne, saints from ev - 'ry time and na - tion will be - gin their



still a - mazed. Now a - bove cre - a - tion's cho - rus
end - less song: "To our God of all sal - va - tion,



comes an - oth - er fer - vent cry; all of earth's re - deemed are
to the high and ho - ly Lamb, to the bless - ed Ho - ly



sing - ing, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
Spir - it be - fore - ev - er praise. A - men!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC Flutist--Madison Lapp

“Second movement ‘Siciliana’ from J.S. Bach’s Sonata in E Flat Major”

Edited by Alfred Durr

SECOND READING *James 3:1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet

they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL READING *Mark 8:27-38*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

PUPPET SHOW *Adventures of Paul & Buddy* *Episode #1 New Kid in Town*

SERMON Pastor Rebecca Truland

SERMON HYMN *Seek Ye First*

Words and music by Karen Lafferty, paraphrasing Matthew 6:33. Copyright: 1972 Maranatha! Music CCLI# 1352

1.
*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!*

2.
*Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!*

3.
*We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of our God.
Allelu, Alleluia!
Allelu, Alleluia!*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

A: Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

THE PRAYERS of the People

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Merciful God

C: Receive our prayer

A: Help us to love our neighbors and to pray for their wholeness, strength and healing...

The family of Fan Driscoll (Keith Gatling)
The family of Helen Job (Deanna Pavlacka)
The family of Jim Decker (Barb Nies)

A: Merciful God

C: Receive our prayer

The family of Bill Cherry (Barb Nies)
The family of Mark Rucker (Keith Gatling)
The family of Paul Eickmann

A: Merciful God
C: **Receive our prayer**

Please speak additional names aloud or silently in your heart

A: Merciful God
C: **Receive our prayer**

P: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Greet one another with a sign of peace as you feel comfortable)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERING

P: Let us gather our tithes and offerings for the sake of serving God and our neighbors.

OFFERING MUSIC *The Church's One Foundation*

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P: God of power, God of plenty,

**C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

COMMUNION LITURGY

(Communion provided offers wine and white grape juice as well as gluten-free wafers as an option. Please ask the Pastor for gluten-free wafers as needed. If you desire to receive a blessing, come forward with arms crossed. If you desire communion, come forward and extend your hands.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, God of the universe.

You made everything that is, and you sustain every living thing.

You taught us to tend and care for your earth.

When we turned away from our task of sharing,
you made for yourself a people, rescued them from slavery,
Nourished them with manna in the wilderness,
and taught them to rely daily on your mercy.

You entered human life in Jesus,
who ate with sinners,
who fed the thousands with a few loaves,
and who called us back to the way of sharing our bread and your mercy.

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.

With this meal we remember Jesus giving himself to us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

As we share this bread and cup, O God, fill us up.
Pour your Spirit on us so that we may be the body of Christ,
Food for your hungry world and signs of your love.


With the earth and all its creatures,
with all who have gone before us,
We give you praise, Gracious God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Draw Me Close*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: Almighty God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Holy Spirit who lives within us, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Christ is God's Never Changing 'Yes!'*

Words by Alan Gaunt, Music: Jamaican Folk tune adapt. Doreen Potter.

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1.

*Christ is God's never changing "Yes!" Every one of God's promises
is confirmed in the love He gave, when defeating both death and grave!*

"Yes!" from God and then, "Yes!" from Christ again!

In the Spirit we say, "Amen!"

"Yes!" from God and then, "Yes!" from Christ again!

In the Spirit we say, "Amen!"

2.

Jesus now, we are called to be 'Yes' ourselves to Your victory;

God anoints us to serve with You; Yes the Spirit will keep us true.

"Yes!" from God and then, "Yes!" from Christ again!

In the Spirit we say, "Amen!"

"Yes!" from God and then, "Yes!" from Christ again!

In the Spirit we say, "Amen!"

3.

*Christ has conquered sin when He died; now He's risen and glorified;
this is promised and nothing less, all creation will answer " Yes!"*

"Yes!" from God and then, "Yes!" from Christ again!

In the Spirit we say, "Amen!"

"Yes!" from God and then, "Yes!" from Christ again!

In the Spirit we say, "Amen!"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *O Magnify the Lord*

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