

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021

WELCOME

It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.

*For the safety of all, we ask throughout the worship service
that you please wear your face mask.*

If you are in need of a mask, please let our ushers know.

*The Coronavirus spreads easily through singing. Under the advisement of CDC
guidelines, we are not having congregational singing during worship.*

*Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

Children are always welcome in church.

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available.
Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST **June 13 to June 20**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sunday through Thursday		Confirmation Camp
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	Newsletter Deadline	
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast (Family Table, Former CR Bucks)
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship W/Holy Communion Father's Day/Rose Rent Sunday

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Please kneel as you are able.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you in a manner that feels safe to everyone. This may be exchanging spoken words without touch.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-190, alt.

Music: NETTLETON J. Wyeth, Part II, 1813

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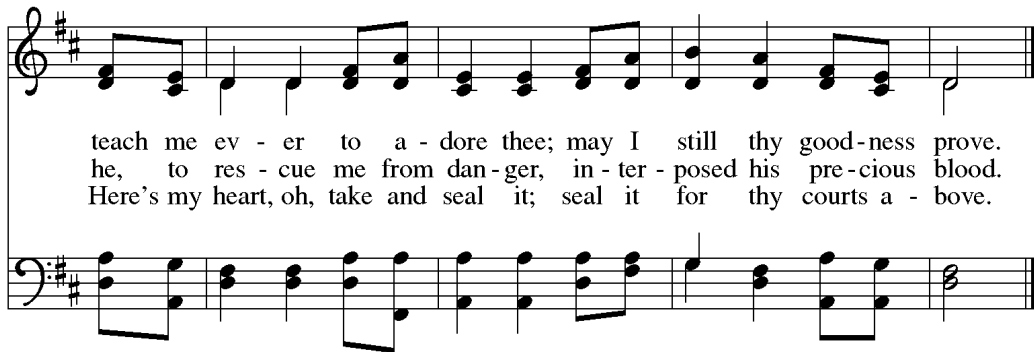
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
 let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

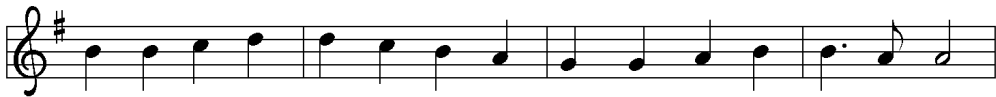
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Text: Albert F. Bayley, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ge-d, love in liv-ing deeds to show;

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system.

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

OUR RESPONSE

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
 Online giving is available at felcc.org*

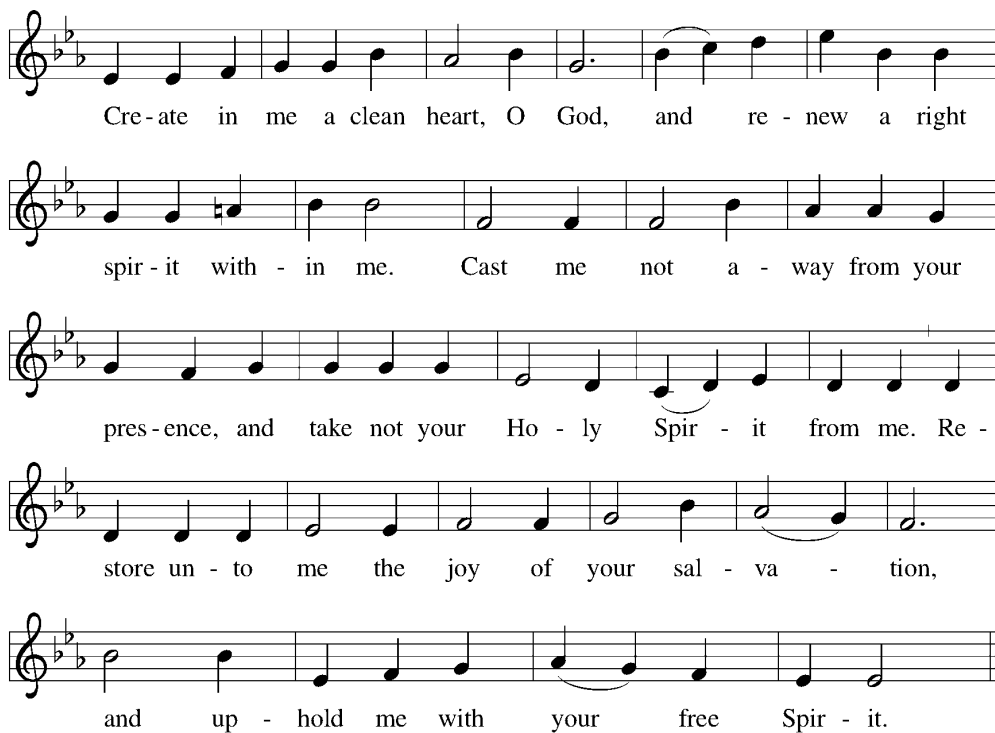
ANTHEM

Special Music

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Music: J.A. Freylinghausen 1670-1739



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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 INTERCESSION

**Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us,
feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

A small group will be singing this selection from the choir loft. Because of the Coronavirus, we ask the congregation to listen to the music and meditate on the words.



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, o.s.b., b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE July and August newsletters will be combined. The deadline for submissions is June 15.

SPIRITRUST AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP Information for this drive is in your May newsletter. There are no meetings to attend, and you can give \$1.00 or more to become a member. Tudy Gates and Mary Beth McGraw-Warne are collecting donations for you to become a member and support SpiriTrust programs such as hospice and home care. Thanks!

BOOK DISCUSSION Starting the week of September 12, Joyce Ray will be leading a book discussion on the book: Thou Shalt Not Be a Jerk by Eugene Cho. It is a Christian's guide to engaging politics. We will discuss a chapter a week. It is an easy read and we will have some great discussions and time to share our thoughts. Please let Joyce know if you are interested and which day you prefer: Sundays during the Sunday School hour or Thursdays at 2 pm.



COLLECTION OF QUARTERS The Neighborhood Task Team is collecting quarters for future Laundry Events. If you have donations you may drop them off at the church office during office hours or you may drop your donations at either entry of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support of this ministry to our neighbors.

2021 BACK TO SCHOOL We are planning for our Back to School Event for elementary school children in our community. We are collecting pocket sized tissue packages, notebooks, crayons, markers, children's scissors, pencil sharpeners and children's books in good condition. Items needed for ages 5 – 12: Girls briefs or boy shorts (no bikinis, low rise or hipsters) Girls camis in medium and large, Boys boxers or boxer briefs, low cut socks for boys and girls tee shirts and sweat pants for both boys and girls.



BACK PACK PROGRAM May suggested items: graham or animal crackers, light popcorn, whole grain cereal, granola bars and cereal. All items should be in individual size servings. This provides weekend meals for students who may not have adequate meals at home.