

BULLETIN FOR September 6, 2020 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday

PRELUDE “*Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether*” setting by James Biery

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Komara

Jesus says, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
Christ is here.

Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast, Christ is here.

Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers, Christ is here.

Binding us as one body, sending us out in service, Christ is here.

Jesus says, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.

HYMN

“*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*”

#509

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990

Music: Columbian Harmony, 1825; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011

***All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

***All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

***All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elizabeth Komara

Forgiving God, You teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us;
for, above all else, we are to love one another. But we let resentment smolder until
anger flares, destroying any chance of peace. We blame others and refuse to repent.

Grant us grace, we pray. Make space in our wounded hearts for the possibility of
forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you have turned toward us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Hear the good
news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Deb

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Donald Wertman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 149: 1-4

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

Matthew 18: 15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

RESPONSE

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

(Deut. 6:6)

SERMON

"Hum a New Song?"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Will Sing New Songs"

Antonin Dvorák

Soloist: Christine Wertman, soprano

I will sing new songs of gladness,

I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.

Ev'ryday day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name,

I will bless Thy Holy Name.

Great is God and great His mercy.

Who shall His pow'r declare?

My song shall be of praise and honor,

and of Thy glorious acts.

Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.
Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness
and of Thy wond'rous might,
And my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

EUCCHARIST

I Cor. 11:23-26

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Holy God, you made the world to hum in harmony; you listened and you called it good.
In time we broke off from singing the song and went our own way, but you called us back
And when the time was right you came in flesh and blood to live as one of us.
In Christ, dividing walls are broken down and free us from labels and prejudice.
By your Spirit, make us one, make us whole.
By your Spirit make this bread and cup, your body and blood,
that we may know communion with you and with each other.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Hear our prayers for your church and world;

For the hungry and the overfed,

May we have enough;

For the mourners and the mockers,

May we laugh together;

For the victims and the oppressors,

may we share power wisely;

For the peacemakers and the war-mongers,

May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

For the silenced and the propagandists,

may we speak our own words in truth;

For the unemployed and the overworked,

May our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

For the troubled and the secure,

May we live together as wounded healers;

For the homeless and the pampered,

may our homes be simple, warm and welcoming;

For the vibrant and the dying,

May we all die to sin and live to love.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the Cup

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me. ---

Please share the bread saying to each other

“The Body of Christ given to you” or “Receive the Bread of Heaven”

Thanks be to God!

In the same way he took the cup saying;

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Please Share the cup with each other now.

“The Blood of Christ shed for you” Or “Receive the Cup of salvation”

Thanks be to God!

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Go out with Joy and be led forth in peace....

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ellen Reynolds

HYMN

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

#539

Text and Music: Andrew Donaldson and Hilary Seraph Donaldson, 2003

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.

Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace now and forever more.

POSTLUDE

"O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful"

Georg Böhm