



6th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Gathering

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- Breathe
- ♦ Ponder: Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- ♦ Be still, empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

PRELUDE

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. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.

On Eagle's Wings



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

In you, Father all-mighty, we have our peace. You are ever present in the most difficult of trials, experiencing them alongside us. Empower us to pray to you in our need and grant us your comfort and courage to live our faith in difficult times. In Jesus name, **Amen**.

Word

PSALM: Psalm 91

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High,

who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;

my God, in whom I trust."

my Gou, in whom i trust.

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter

and from the deadly pestilence;

4he will cover you with his pinions,

and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

⁵You will not fear the terror of the night

or the arrow that flies by day

⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness

or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side,

ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

8 You will only look with your eyes

and see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,

the Most High your dwelling place,

10 no evil shall befall you,

no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

¹² On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

14 Those who love me, I will deliver;

I will protect those who know my name.

15 When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them

and show them my salvation.

"Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength- carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength." "You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have."

- Corrie TenBoom

Halle, Hallelujah



READING: A Reading from Romans 8:31-39

Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

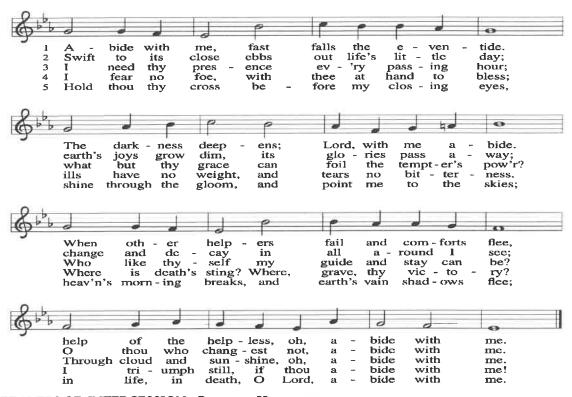
³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

Abide with Me



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Response: Hear our prayer.

PASSING OF PEACE (Please share a sign of peace with those near you.)

Meal

OFFERING The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.

Offertory Song: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall fresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall fresh on me.

OFFERTORY 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.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Santo, santo, santo



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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Thanks be to God.

Eat This Bread Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. Grape juice is also provided for those who prefer it.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

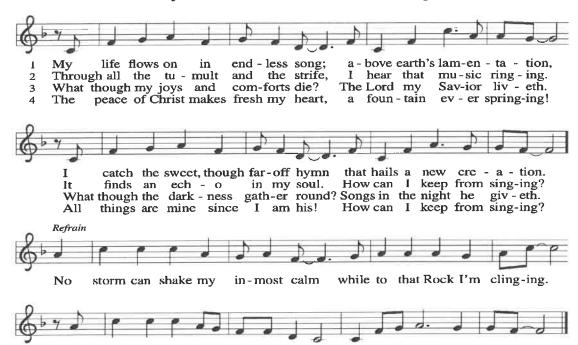
Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Sending

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.**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer List

Strength

The Eckhart Family
Arlene Engle
Rev Tom Holslas
Jane Newman
Timothy Patwell
Barbara Stadelberger
Glenn Vegezzi
John Wallace
Sally White
Ron
Christa Zago

Jeanne Zipp

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Timothy DelUniversita
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