



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Gathering**

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Covenants are about making promises to one another when we are in relationship with each other. Today we will hear the story of Noah and learn about the covenant, or promise, that God made to every living creature. To help set our minds on our story for today, think about the following questions:*

- *What kinds of covenant promises have you made with people in your life?*
- *What inspired those promises?*
- *Why are promises an important part of relationships?*
- *How do promises change the nature of our relationships?*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**

**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## Word

### PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

READING: **Genesis 6:5-14; 8:6-12; 9:8-17**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. <sup>7</sup>So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created — people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; <sup>6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup>and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. <sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

## 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.*

## Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,  
 in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
 Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
 and make us ready to share with all in need;  
 through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

### 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, ...

## 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

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING *All Stand*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## Sending

### BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

*As you leave this place, here are some ideas for keeping the story alive this week.*

- ✧ *Plant a seed as an expression of hope.*
- ✧ *Show care for animals by volunteering at a local animal shelter or offering to walk a neighbor's dog.*
- ✧ *Look for expressions of hope in current events and share them with your family and friends.*

## PRAYER LIST

### Strength

Edith Atwell  
Albert Burkhart  
The Carroll Family  
Lynn Dagata  
Janet Delgado  
Gabe DeMaria  
Astrid Grossmann  
Jason Haley  
Karl Hurowitz  
Dave Krumlauf  
Ryan Lynch  
Marty Massey  
Dr. Les Prusnofsky  
First Responders and Healthcare Workers

### Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Bennett  
Carmen Green  
Nicole Hetzer  
Jim Oliveto  
Justin Ortega  
Sean Hudgins  
Jesse Fritz

### Sister Congregation

Epiphany Bayamón