FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 2, 2023
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Tim Boggess

PRELUDE — *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* — Paul Manz

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — from Psalm 25, Sue Hargis Spigel

Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth, for you are the God of our salvation.
All of your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.
Teach us the way we should go.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 65** — *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* — CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abiding God, we confess that we often choose to go our own way instead of following your way. We only ask for your direction when we are lost or have reached a dead end. Well, we are lost. Dead ends are all around us and within us. Show us again your path which leads to life. Remove any obstacles that are in the way of following you today, and everyday.

(a moment for silent reflection)

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF JOY** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* Taize

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria! Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Alleluia, alleluia!

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Improvisation on Old Hundredth Steven Phillips

*** DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM *I Lift My Lamp* Gwyneth Walker
(The Chancel Choir)

When I was hungry did you feed me?
When I was shivering did you bring be clothes?
When I was thirsty did you bring me water?
When I was homeless did you give a home?
When I was fearful did you give protection?
When I was injured did you offer care?
When I was threatened did you stand for justice?
And when imprisoned, keep a vigil there?
O my sisters, O my brothers!
If you do this for the least of these, you do this for me…
With God in your heart.

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

(Text from Matthew 25 and The New Colossus by Emma Lazarus)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *The Impossible Country* Tim Boggess
(Road Trips: Stories of Faith on the Move)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **HYMN OF SERVICE 49** *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old
and you speak still.

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Established is your law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart
by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek,
with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty
and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same!

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Tim Boggess

*** POSTLUDE** *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier