

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR
Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise**, **welcome,** and **serve**:
· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
· to **praise** God in all things,
· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, preaching
Connie Mayo, Musical Director

Morning Prayer
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2020

Prelude Connie Mayo

A brief silence

Leader: Alleluia! A sound like a violent wind has rushed upon us!
Congregation: **The Holy Spirit has filled this house! Alleluia!**
Leader: May we hear what is being spoken to us in our own language.
Congregation: **Come, let us praise God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.
Congregation: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you**
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen

Opening Hymn 398 *I sing the almighty power of God (in back of this bulletin)*

The Invitatory

Leader: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:
Congregation: **Come let us adore her. Alleluia.**
Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:*
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 69: 1-21

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.
I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

**More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause;
many are those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely.
What I did not steal must I now restore?**

O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.
Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord GOD of hosts;
do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel.

**It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.
When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.
When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.
I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

**But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time,
O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help
rescue me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.
Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.**

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.
Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free because of my enemies.

You know the insults I receive, and my shame and dishonor; my foes are all known to you.
Insults have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.
They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20: 7-12

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Canticle H from *Enriching our Worship*

Come, let us return to our God, who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds,
after two days revive us, on the third day restore us,
that in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord,
whose justice dawns like morning light, its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower, like spring rains that water the earth.

Second Lesson: Matthew 10:24-39
Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Reader: Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!
"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

A brief silence

A Creed from the Iona Community

We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings, and
who offers hope eternal.
We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers, and
bears witness to the everlasting love of God. Amen

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The Prayers
Leader: The Lord be with you
Congregation: **And also with you**
Leader: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
Congregation: **And grant us your salvation.**
Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Congregation: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Congregation: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Congregation: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;
Congregation: **Your saving health among all nations.**
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Congregation: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Congregation: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day
Leader: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen**

For the Oppressed
Congregation: **Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Leader: Amen.

A Prayer for Unity
Leader: O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth in our nation, to support one another without hatred or bitterness, that, being bonded in love, we may live in unity with you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy Spirit, we circle the world with the flame of your love
and pray for peace and justice where there is inequality and war;
for dancing and joy in place of oppression and the daily grind of poverty.
May all enjoy the feast of life.
Your will be done,
Congregation: **on earth, as in heaven.**

Leader: Lady Wisdom, we circle this gathering with the flame of your love
and thank you for friends and family, for gifts and talents.
We pray for your peace in our hearts as we journey along together
and for a knowledge of your gifts within us.
Your will be done,
Congregation: **on earth, as in heaven.**

Leader: Healing Spirit, we circle with your blessing all those who will be born today.
Protect and cherish them, loving God.
We circle with your healing love all those who are enduring illness or disease.
Be with them in their suffering, O God.
And we circle with your glorious light all those who will die today.
Take them into your arms and embrace them, O God.
Your will be done,
Congregation: **on earth, as in heaven.**

Leader: Please add your own prayers

People are invited to add their own prayers

Leader: Hear our prayers, and bless us, living God.
Hold the secret longings of our hearts in the mystery of your love,
that the light of the Kingdom will continue to shine on earth.
Congregation: **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

Leader: God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Congregation: **Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.**
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Leader: Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 679 *Surely it is God who saves me (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude Connie Mayo

Announcements

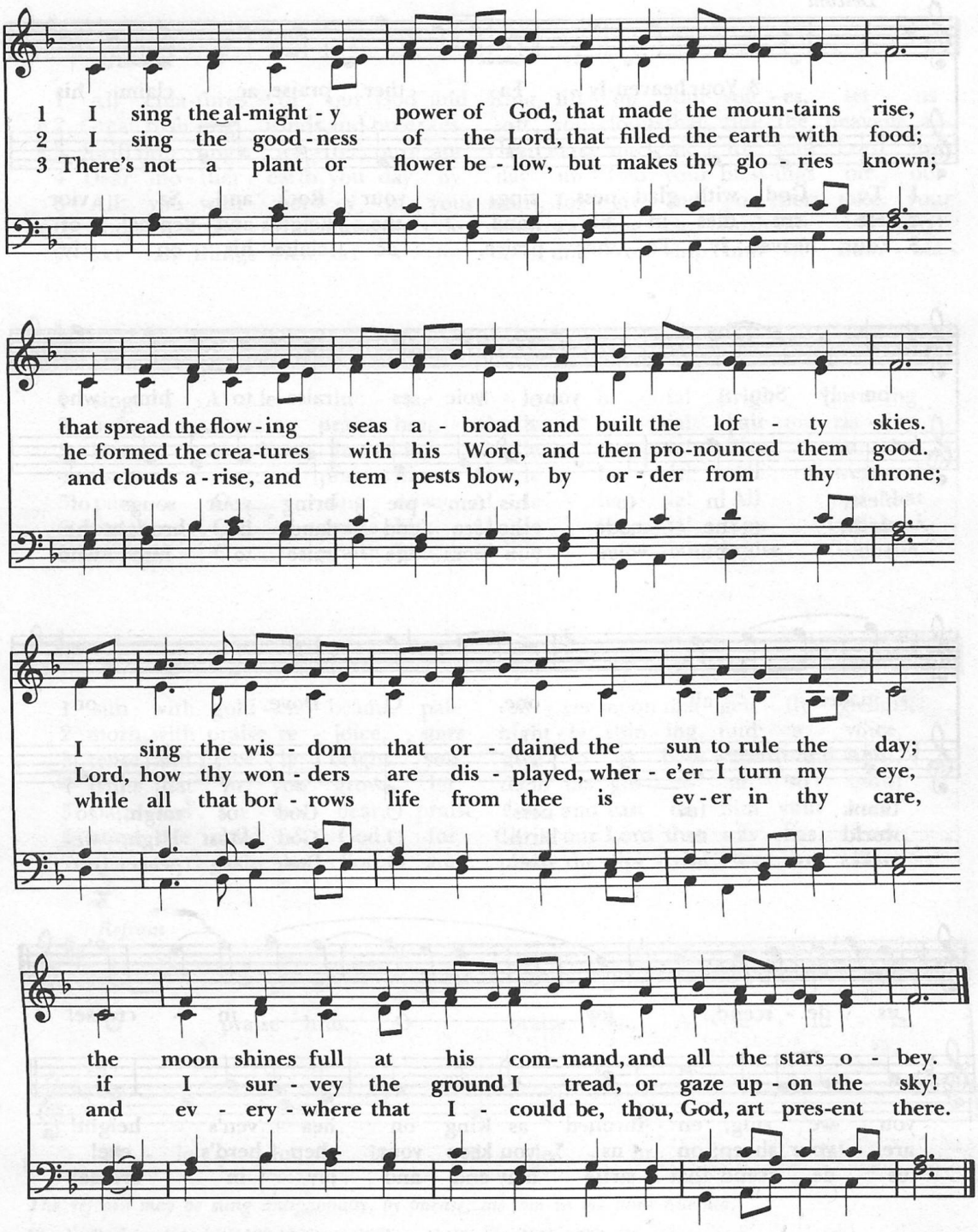
Dismissal

You are invited to stay for virtual Coffee Hour

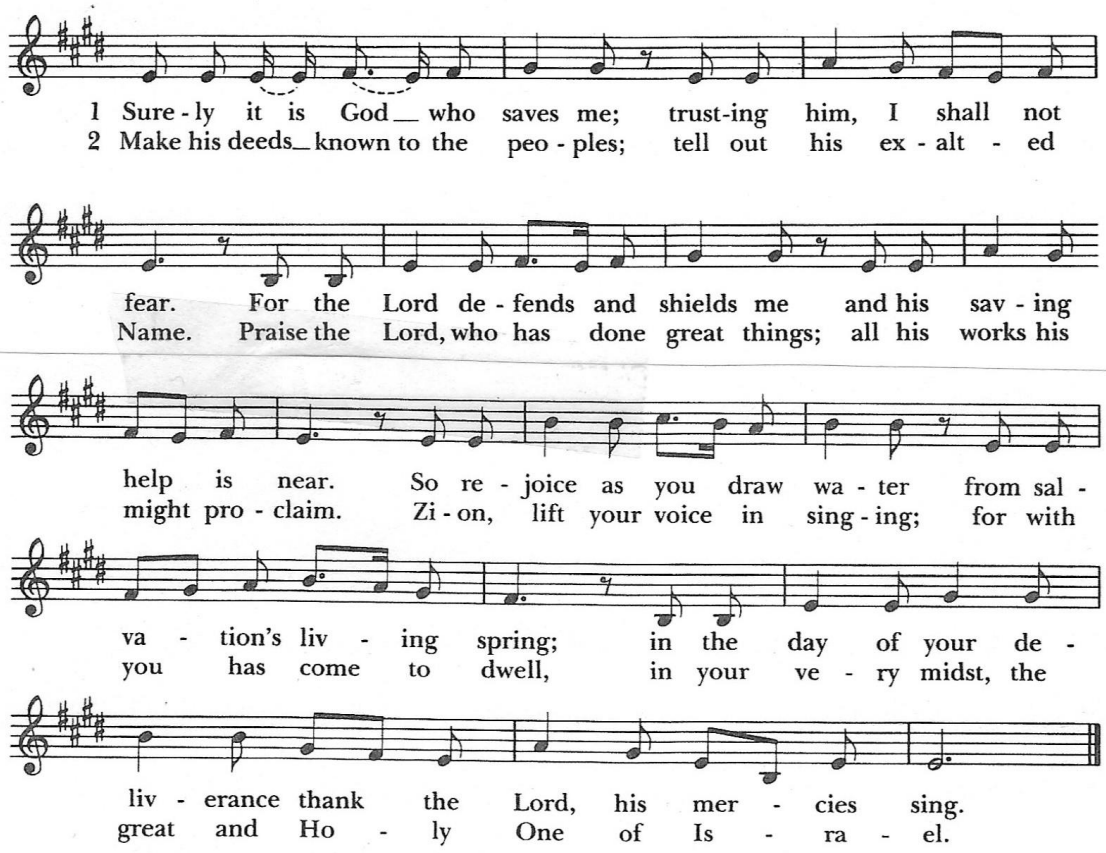
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Praise to God

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