

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
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020

Prelude Connie Mayo

A brief silence

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
Congregation: **May we rejoice and be glad in it.**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **God of all mercy,**
We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Opening Hymn *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder (verses 1, 2 and 4) (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 100 *Jubilate Deo*

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

First Lesson: Isaiah 44: 1-8

But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!
Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground.
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring.
They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams.
This one will say, "I am the Lord's," another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, "The Lord's," and adopt the name of Israel.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear or be afraid. Have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm 86 *Psalm of David*

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.
In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.
Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

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: Help us, O God our Savior;
Congregation: **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Leader: Look upon your congregation;
Congregation: **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;
Congregation: **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Congregation: **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Leader: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
Congregation: **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
Congregation: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collect of the Day
Leader: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

For Joy in God's Creation *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 814
Congregation: **O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; so that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Leader: Amen.

For Social Justice *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 823
Leader: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty
Congregation: **God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.**
Leader: Amen. *A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa' (adapted)*

Leader: Please add your own prayers
All are invited to add their own prayers here.

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.

Prayer crafted by a team of leaders of The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 589 *Almighty God, your Word is Cast like Seed upon the Ground*
(in the back of this bulletin)

Postlude Connie Mayo

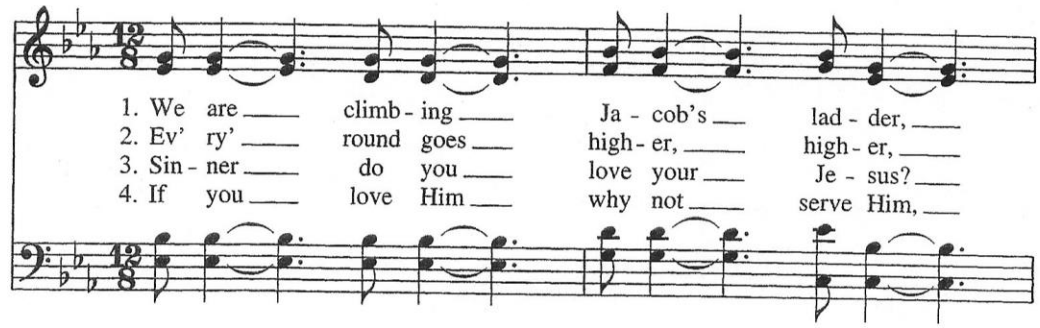
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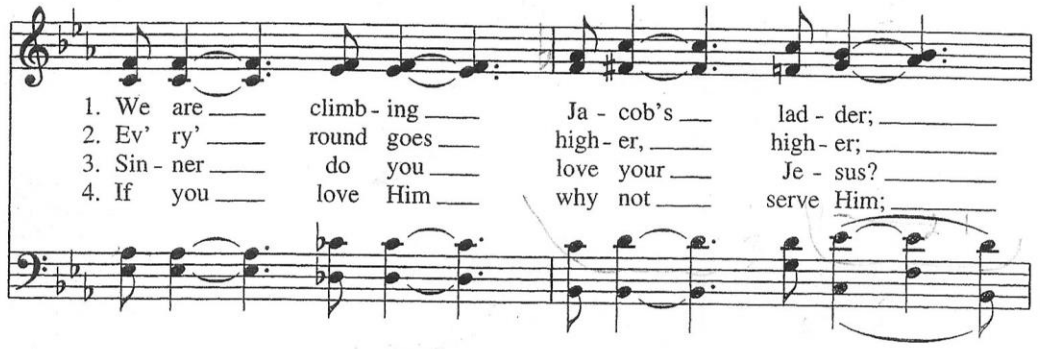
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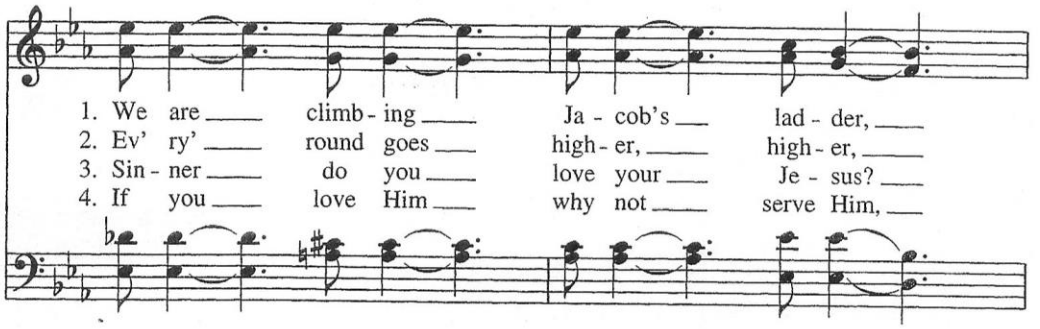
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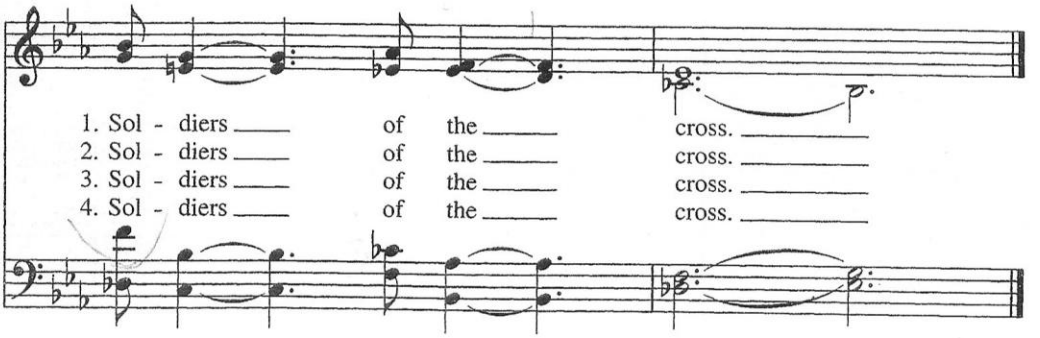
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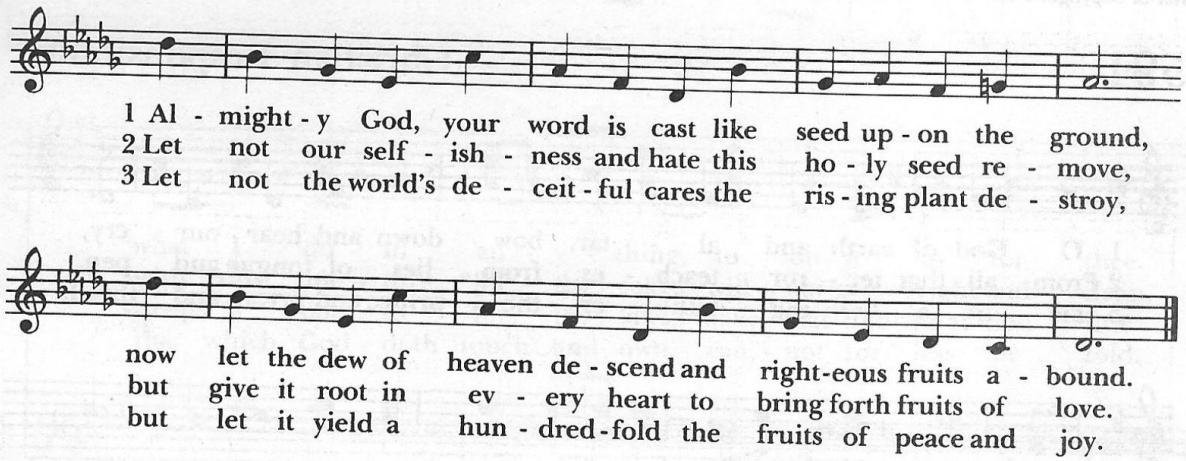




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