

# **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

Angela Kromm

### Confession & Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

**P** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** *Reconciling God,*

**C** **we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

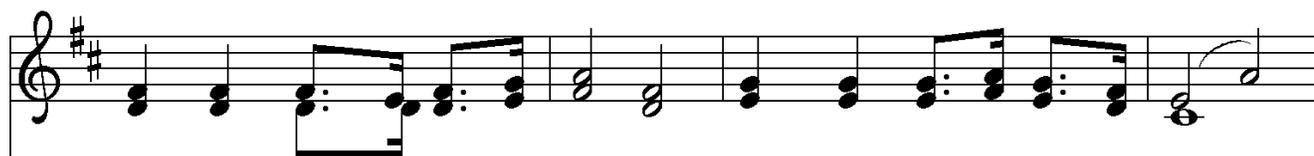
**Amen.**

**P** *Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.*

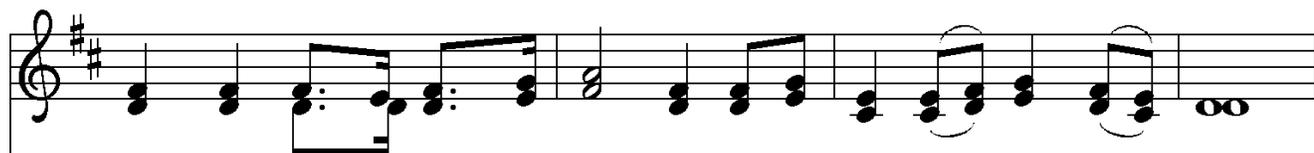
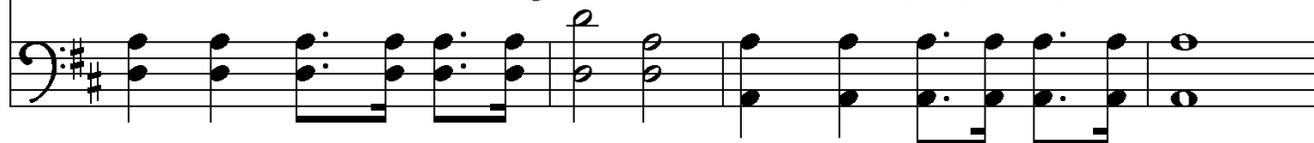
**C** **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

### Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

- P** *From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.*
- C** **And also with you.**

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Let us pray. O God,*

**C** **you sent our Savior Jesus to call all people to faith. First to the house of Israel and then to all the world, your word was preached and your love proclaimed in deed. Strengthen and bless us in the ministry of witness and service, that we may boldly proclaim the good news of salvation and reconciliation through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Reading**

Acts 4:1-22

**L** *A reading from Acts. <sup>1</sup>While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, <sup>2</sup>much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.*

*<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'*

*<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."*

*<sup>13</sup>Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. <sup>14</sup>When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. <sup>15</sup>So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. <sup>16</sup>They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup>But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." <sup>18</sup>So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup>But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; <sup>20</sup>for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." <sup>21</sup>After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup>For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.*

**L** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Children's Message**

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Greg Fetzer

## Hymn of the Day

### To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - jice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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**P** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended**

**into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P** *Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** *Hear us, O God.*

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** *Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **And also with you.**

## Offering

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**P** *Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,*

**C** **we give you thanks and praise.**

**P** *By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,*

**C** **we give you thanks and praise.**

**P** *Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,*

**C** **we give you thanks and praise.**

**P** *Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

**C** **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 ever. Amen.**

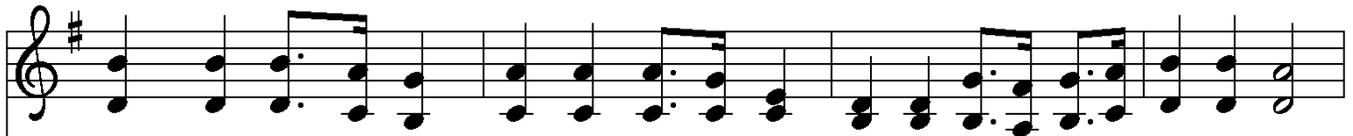
**P** *Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

*God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.*

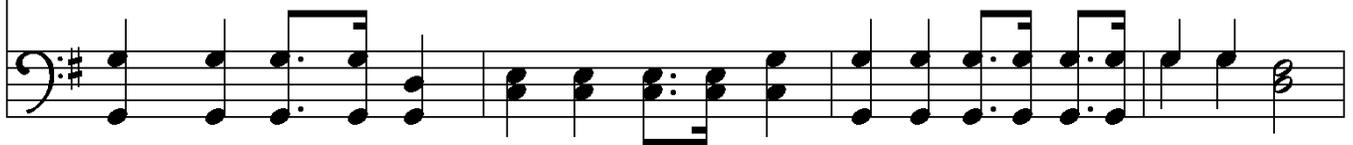
**C** **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;  
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919  
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

**P** *Go in peace. Christ is with you.*  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Daily Texts for this Week:**

*July 13- Acts 4:23-31; July 14 - Matthew 26:17-30; July 15 - Matthew 26:31-46;  
July 16- Matthew 26:47-56; July 17 - Matthew 26:57-68; July 18 - Matthew 27:11-26*

**Text for next Sunday:**

*Matthew 28:1-10*

**The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God by**

*John Verbillis in Honor of Debbie's Birthday*

*And*

*Rocky Barrow in Honor of her Children's Wedding Anniversaries*

**Pray for Those That Need God's Healing**

*Barbara, Darius, Trudy, Betsey, Bonnie, Joan, Don, Phyllis, Silvia,  
Elsie-Marie, Harry, Jean, Betty, Juanita, Debbie, Lois, David,  
Bruce, Ingrid, Helen and Kimberly*

**Pray for Our Service Men and Women**

*Josh, Matthew, Michael,  
Nick, Derek, Matt, Christopher,  
Andrew, Jason and Christopher*

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