



June 6, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Grave (Slowly)

Felix Mendelssohn

The Call to Worship

Leader: We do not lose heart.

People: We are being renewed day by day.

Leader: We look at what cannot be seen.

People: For what cannot be seen is eternal.

Leader: We know we are from God,

People: In whom we have eternal life.

Leader: Come, follow Jesus, who leads us into life.

People: Worship God and trust the Holy Spirit, among us now

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: All-powerful God,
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life
and defeat into victory.

Increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over all evil
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Hymn No. 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.
2. The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.
3. Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

The Scripture Lesson

II Corinthians 4:13-5:1

The Homily

On Not Losing Heart

Rev. Matt Bates

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession and Pardon (in unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with
our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

I Will Worship

George Dyson

Lynn Kotrady, mezzo soprano

I will worship toward thy holy temple,
and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and truth.
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee,
they shall sing in the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high,
Yet hath he respect unto the lowly;
though I walk in the midst of trouble,
yet thou shalt refresh me and thy right hand shall hold me.

Psalm 138:2, 4-7

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The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so,
with your people on earth
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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(The congregation may be seated.)

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ____ will come a-gain.

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

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The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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. Amen.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

The Hymn No. 2234

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

LANCASHIRE

1. Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.
2. Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.
3. Lead on O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

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The Benediction

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and throughout the week to make this worship possible.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Living by Faith

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Psalm 138

Thanksgiving and Praise

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
 and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
 your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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