



**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 13, 2021**

YOUTH SUNDAY

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES ARE IN **BOLD TYPE**

At this time, during in-person worship the cantor will sing the liturgy and hymns on behalf of the congregation. You are invited to meditate on the words and music during those portions of the service.



Today, members of our Grace Youth Ministry (GYM) are helping to lead worship, and members of our Young Youth are taking part in our virtual anthem. Three of our High School Seniors are sharing a short testimony of how they have experienced God in their lives. We give thanks for their faith stories and for the ways they help us experience God ourselves.

We are also presenting the Seniors with Quillows. These are quilts that can fold into pillows, and each one has been created especially for the Seniors. The fabrics and inscriptions were chosen by their families and were lovingly assembled with quilting members of the congregation. Our hope is that these Quillows, which will be wrapped around the Seniors, will remind them of God's love that surrounds them at all times, and of the love and support that they have from Grace as they enter the next part of their lives.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **(Stand)**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundant life, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, our constant provider,

hear us as we come to you, confessing our sin. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the bread of life, you have received God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"The Heart of Worship"



1. When the mu - sic fades, ___ all is stripped a - way, ___ and I sim - ply come; ___
2. King of end - less worth, ___ no one could ex - press ___ how much You de - serve. ___



Long - ing just to bring ___ some - thing thats of worth ___ that will bless Your heart. ___
Though Im weak and poor, ___ all I have is Yours, ___ ev - ry sin - gle breath. ___



Ill bring You more than a song, ___ for a song in it - self is not what You have re - quired. ___



You search much deep - er with - in ___ through the way things ap - pear, Youre look - ing in - to my heart. ___



Im com - ing back to the heart ___ of wor - ship, and its all a - bout You, ___ all a - bout You, ___ Je - sus.



Im sor - ry, Lord, for the thing ___ Ive made ___ it, when its



all a - bout You, ___ all a - bout You, ___ Je - sus. ___

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON (*Sit*)

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SENIOR TESTIMONY (11am)

Palmer Floyd

PSALM

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

We read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the Lord is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

A reading from Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SENIOR TESTIMONY (11am)

Emory Beer

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, from the 4th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY (*Sit*)

Pastor Rachel Hoffman

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Stand*)

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

ELW 580



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

APOSTLES' CREED

We now profess the faith we share, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 to the dead. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the Triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enrich the faith of your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer and wait on your healing, especially, Art, Sylvia, Louise, Kathy, Bill, Steve, Scott, Steven, Jackie, Vicky, Julie, Margaret, Kay, Yvonne, Eddie, Bea, Jack, Eric, Mary, Frank, Bill, Madeline, Earl, Barbara, Steven, Kathy, and Ted. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musician(s), technology experts, and willing volunteers. We dedicate to you the joyful praise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the prayerful melody of cantors, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the youth and children of our congregation. Help us to encourage them in their faith and open our minds and hearts to the faith they share with us. Guide us to work together across generations for the glory of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

At this time in our worship, we invite you to share the Peace of Christ with others.

Feel free to share the peace with others nearby, or, if you are alone, give someone a call after worship!

OFFERING **(Sit)**

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ANTHEM

“Hymn for Children”

Marianne Forman
Virtual Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (*Stand*)

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Lord Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very body, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body given for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

This musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, featuring a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases using half notes. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the corresponding notes.

PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and in rising opened the way to eternal life, and so, with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. If you believe in me, though you die, yet shall you live." Come. Receive this foretaste of the blessed life which does not end.

Thanks be to God.

All God's children are welcome to the table by God's grace.

Please notify the Pastor if you would prefer gluten-free bread.

Communion is received by the Pastor placing the sacrament in your outstretched hand.

Those who are not receiving Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD (*Sit*)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and
love:
mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Stand*)

Let us pray together.

Lord Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world, empowered by the life you have given us. In your name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of Almighty God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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This week we welcome *Dr. Gayle Sawyer* as our guest musician. Dr. Sawyer, a former public school administrator and executive director of CERRA-SC, recently retired from the Educational Leadership Department of the Riley College of Education at Winthrop. She and her husband George are members of Montreat Presbyterian in Montreat, NC, but are actively involved in activities at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian, Rock Hill.

Presiding Ministers	<i>The Rev. Gregg Hoffman The Rev. Rachel Hoffman</i>
Musician	<i>Dr. Gayle Sawyer</i>
Video Editor	<i>Craig Allen</i>
Bulletin	<i>Michelle Cunningham</i>
Greeters	<i>8:30 - Olga-Maria Cruz, Connor Johnson, Abby Ketner 11:00 - Emory Beer, Olga-Maria Cruz, Palmer Floyd</i>
Ushers	<i>8:30 - Olga-Maria Cruz, Connor Johnson 11:00 - Olga-Maria Cruz, Larry Winsch</i>
Cantors	<i>Chris Porth, Tiffany Hoffman, Nora Sliney, Jennifer Landsly</i>
Lector	<i>8:30 - Floyd Ritchie, 11:00 - Larry Winsch</i>
Petitioner	<i>8:30 - Pam Kirby, 11:00 - Olga-Maria Cruz</i>
Pictures	<i>Members of Grace</i>
Sanctuary Candle	<i>Julie and Max Elder in memory of Hazel Bagley and Myrtle Rollins</i>
Altar Flowers	<i>Karen and Art Harris celebrating Pauline and Milton Jellum's 64th wedding anniversary and celebrating the wedding of Allyson Harris and Andrews Dickerson</i>

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