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congregation, affirming the
diversity of God's children



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Twelfth Sunday after **PENTECOST**



August 23, 2020

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome

We Are an Offering, arr. Mark Hayes



Hymn


World Peace Prayer

Refrain



Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from des -
pair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from
hate to love, from war to peace; let peace fill our
hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni-verse.

Verses

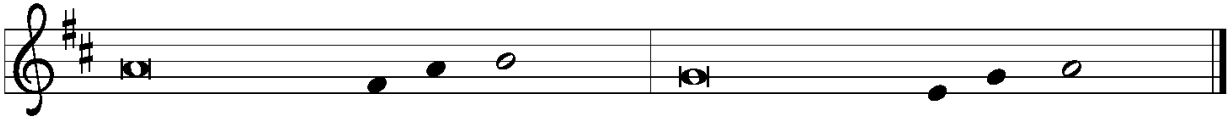


1. Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns,
2. So man-y lone-ly hearts, so man-y bro-ken lives,
3. Let jus-tice ev-er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth,
still now your peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters.
long-ing for love to break in-to their dark-ness.
let us be-gin to grow in-to your peo-ple.
Let jus-tice roll, let mer-cy pour down,
Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace,
We can be love, we can bring peace,
D.C.
come and teach us your way of com-pas-sion.
come and teach us your way of com-pas-sion.
we can still be your way of com-pas-sion.

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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm 124



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If the LORD had not been | on our side,
let Isra- | el now say;
if the LORD had not been | on our side,
when enemies rose | up against us,
then would they have swallowed us | up alive
in their fierce | anger toward us;
then would the waters have | overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone | over us;
then would the | raging waters
have gone right | over us.
Blessed | be the LORD
who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
Our help is in the name | of the LORD,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.



Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, *really* are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

"And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."

He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.



Epistle Reading**Romans 12:1-8** (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the letter to the early church at Rome

Here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for God. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what God does for us, not by what we are and what we do for God.

In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

Ministry of Music

We See Christ

Joel Raney
Senior Choir

When we look at the needy, we see Christ.
When we reach for the hopeless, we are reaching for Christ.
When we feed the thirsty and hungry,
When we love the outcast and lonely,
When we see a world in need, we see Christ.

When we see the lost and homeless, we see Christ.
When we comfort the grieving, we bring comfort to Christ.
When we give with hearts that are open,
When we help the tired and the broken,
When we see a world in need, we see Christ.

II: We are yours, Lord, make us your instruments of peace,
Bringing hope when all seems hopeless,
Filling darkness with your light.
We are yours, Lord, you paid the price.
And please remind us, Lord,
When we see a world in need, we see Christ. :II



Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Klea Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover.

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

Children's Time

Jill Disbro

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.

Holy God, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:

Congregation:



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!

Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge and transform us. God has prepared a room for us: fire to warm our hearts, water to wash our weary feet, the table set and waiting. And now, from beyond time, the breath of the Spirit comes whispering through the fabric of time to call us in. So come ... whether your time is just beginning or many years in the marking; whether your hours are filled and fruitful or wanting and withered; whether you have invested wisely or buried your coins in the ground; for here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine – a place of timeless and timely grace.

We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement for the time to come. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me" And after supper he took a cup, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

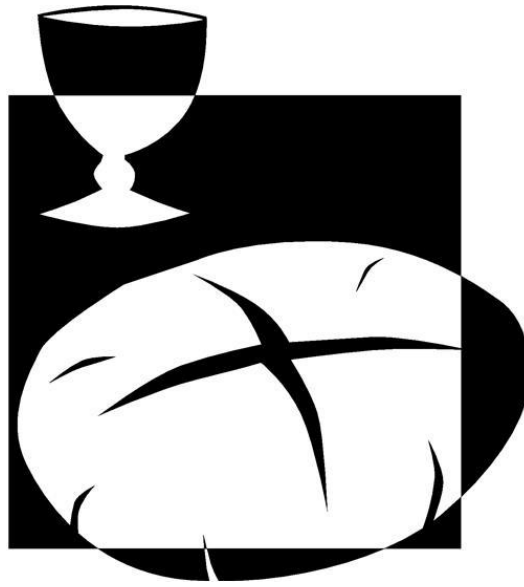
Hear us now as, at this time, we commit ourselves to your Way, and pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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 forever. Amen.**

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our time. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened for this time and for time to come.

Sharing the Meal



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit, You who mothered creation and enabled Incarnation, continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity. Spirit, You who led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. Spirit, You who transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Spirit, You whom Jesus sends as Friend, continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns and love directs all.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will

one in the Lord, We are one in the
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
work side by side, We will work with each

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's

stored:
land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
pride:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

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Blessing

Amen.

Postlude

***Jesus Loves the Little Children*, arr. Mark Hayes**

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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Adult Sunday School
10 am Sundays
Via ZOOM



THE APOSTLES' CREED FOR TODAY

Topic: Dave Shull's Zoom Meeting

Time: Aug 23, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82811962734?pwd=Y1dZODZJa2JRaUQrRoE4WHJYV3dOUTo9>

Meeting ID: 828 1196 2734

Passcode: 726335

Phone only: 646 876 9923 US (New York)



RLC 3D
Gatherings on the Lawn
Sunday, August 23

Lunch, noon

Wednesday August 26

Coffee, 10:30 am

Phone church office for reservation



Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm
The Book of Genesis

We'd love to have you join us via ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible study Zoom Meeting
Time: Aug 18, 2020 01:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88630517657?pwd=Vis5TVFHcVQ0TlM1SUloOXJkRnpFdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 3051 7657

Passcode: 431707

Phone only: 646 876 9923 US (New York)



Journaling
Workshop
7-8:30 pm
4th Tuesdays
Via ZOOM



Birthdays this week:

23 - Scott Steiner

25 - LaVerna Reinoehl

26 - Brad Binau

27 - Matthew Bird

27 - Jon Disbro

29 - Heather McGurer

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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| Presiding Minister | David Shull, Pastor |
| Assisting Minister | Mary Benis |
| ASL Interpreter | Debra Rigsby |
| Reader | Chad Eberle |
| Cantor | Renee Glover Oakleaf |
| Children's Time | Jill Disbro |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director | Kathy Rapp |
| Pianist & Chimes Choir Director | Karen Kent |
| Producer | Michele Disbro |

*Flowers are dedicated by **Judith and Ashley Bird** in honor of **Matt Bird** on his birthday.
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 23 - 30

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| Today | YouTube | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am | ZOOM Adult Education |
| | Noon | RLC 3D Lunch on the Lawn |
| Tuesday | 1:00 pm | ZOOM Bible Study |
| | 5:00 pm | ZOOM Outreach Team |
| | 7:00 pm | ZOOM Journaling Workshop |
| Wednesday | 10:30 am | RLC 3D Coffee on the Lawn |
| Thursday | 3-6:00 pm | LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway |
| Saturday | 9:00 am | Pick Garden |
| | 10:00 am | Garden Giveaway |
| Next Sunday | YouTube | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am | ZOOM Adult Education |

