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congregation, affirming the  
diversity of God's children



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## Sixth Sunday after PENTECOST



*Jacob and Esau*, painted by Jacob Jordaens, 1655  
Jacob persuades his brother Esau to give him his rights as the first-born  
in exchange for a bowl of lentil stew.

**July 12, 2020**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**

*an adventure for life!*

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**

***Shall We Gather at the River*, arr. John Carter**

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

**Be Not Afraid**

Verse 1



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you  
shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in  
safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall  
speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-  
stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

**Refrain**



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways.  
Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag - ing wa - ters in the  
sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames,  
you shall not be harmed. If you stand be - fore the  
pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all. D.S.

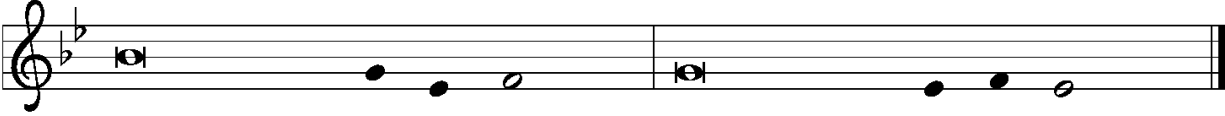
The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is 2/4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The piece ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.S.' (Da Capo).

Text: Isaiah 43:2-3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943  
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## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Psalm 119:105-112



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Your word is a lamp | to my feet  
and a light up- | on my path.

**I have sworn and | am determined  
to keep your | righteous judgments.**

I am | deeply troubled;  
preserve my life, O LORD, according | to your word.

**Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute | of my lips,  
and teach | me your judgments.**

My life is al- | ways in danger,  
yet I do not for- | get your teaching.

**The wicked have set a | trap for me,  
but I have not strayed from | your commandments.**

Your decrees are my inheri- | tance forever;  
truly, they are the joy | of my heart.

**I have applied my heart to ful- | fill your statutes  
forever and | to the end.**



## Gospel

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus left the house [where he had been speaking] and sat on the beach.

In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories.

“What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening? ....

“Study this story of the farmer planting seed. When anyone hears news of the kingdom and doesn’t take it in, it just remains on the surface, and so the Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that person’s heart. This is the seed the farmer scatters on the road.

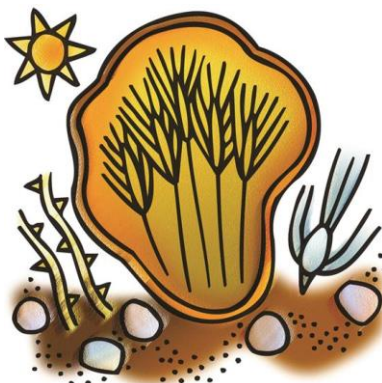
“The seed cast in the gravel—this is the person who hears and instantly responds with enthusiasm. But there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.

“The seed cast in the weeds is the person who hears the kingdom news, but weeds of worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it.

“The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**





**First Testament Reading****Genesis 25:19-34 (The Message)**

A reading from the book of Genesis

This is the family tree of Isaac son of Abraham: Abraham had Isaac. Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan Aram. She was the sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed hard to God for his wife because she was barren. God answered his prayer and Rebekah became pregnant. But the children tumbled and kicked inside her so much that she said, "If this is the way it's going to be, why go on living?" She went to God to find out what was going on. God told her,

Two nations are in your womb,  
two peoples butting heads while still in your body.  
One people will overpower the other,  
and the older will serve the younger.

When her time to give birth came, sure enough, there were twins in her womb. The first came out reddish, as if snugly wrapped in a hairy blanket; they named him Esau (Hairy). His brother followed, his fist clutched tight to Esau's heel; they named him Jacob (Heel). Isaac was sixty years old when they were born.

The boys grew up. Esau became an expert hunter, an outdoorsman. Jacob was a quiet man preferring life indoors among the tents. Isaac loved Esau because he loved his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

One day Jacob was cooking a stew. Esau came in from the field, starved.

Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of that red stew—I'm starved!"

That's how he came to be called Edom (Red).

Jacob said, "Make me a trade: my stew for your rights as the firstborn."

Esau said, "I'm starving! What good is a birthright if I'm dead?"

Jacob said, "First, swear to me." And he did it. On oath Esau traded away his rights as the firstborn. Jacob gave him bread and the stew of lentils.

He ate and drank, got up and left. That's how Esau shrugged off his rights as the firstborn.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Ministry of Music

### *Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine*

Lloyd Larson  
Senior Choir

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

I have called you by name.

When you walk through the storms,

When you walk through the fire,

Do not be afraid for you are mine.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

Come to me, you are my child.

Through the waters deep or the valley so steep,

Do not be afraid for you are mine.

Cast your fears on the Lord each day,

For He cares for you.

Place your trust in the Lord today,

God will take care of you.

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,

God will take care of you.

Beneath His wings of love abide.

God will take care of you.

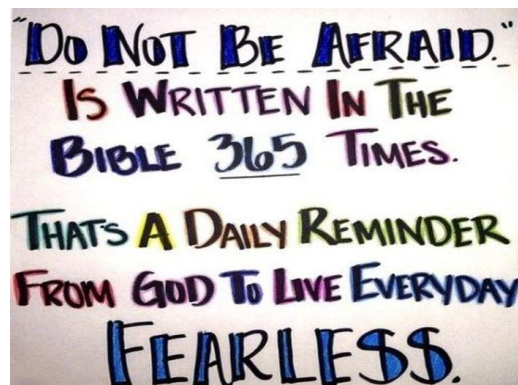
God will take care of you,

Through every day, o'er all the way.

He will take care of you,

God will take care of you.

Do not be afraid, for you are mine.



**"DO NOT BE AFRAID."**  
**IS WRITTEN IN THE**  
**BIBLE 365 TIMES.**  
**THAT'S A DAILY REMINDER**  
**FROM GOD TO LIVE EVERYDAY**  
**FEARLESS.**

## **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 Kleta 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, Betty Shull, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Marshall Edgington and family on the death of his niece, family of Bernice Stewart on the deaths of her cousin Bobby Isbell and husband of her cousin Deborah Merrill Skiver.

## **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**

Michele 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. 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

### Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed  
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.  
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

***Let All Things Now Living***, arr. John Carter

**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**



**Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm**

***The Letter of James***

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



**A Brewing Faith**

***Second Tuesdays 6:30 pm***

**Conversation and fellowship  
Via Zoom**



***Coffee and Conversation***

**Third Wednesday of the month**

**11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

**Via Zoom**

**Honest exploration of questions  
about faith and life**



## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Katie Jacobs
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Emily Ott
<b>Reader</b>	Bill Boys
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Sherer
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Producer</b>	Kristi Hildebrand

*Flowers are dedicated by **John D. Kennedy** in memory of **Rev. John L. Kennedy**.  
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 12 - 19

<b>Today</b>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	ZOOM Adult Education
	4:00 pm	Confirmation Class at Pastor Dave's
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 am	ZOOM Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Race Conversations
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Pick Garden
	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	ZOOM Adult Education



### **Conversations on Race** **Wednesday** **7:00 pm** **Via Zoom**

Join us as we as we create a free and fearless space to listen well, speak honestly, and so help bless our communities with understanding and healing, building friendships that challenge all forces that would seek to divide us.



Birthdays this week:  
12 - Payton Rae  
13 - Renee Glover Oakleaf  
14 - Chase Friederich  
15 - Kandice Hoddinott  
16 - Cora Marquez  
17 - Jasmin McFarland  
18 - Kelley Scott



**RLC Garden Giveaway**  
Produce from our own garden  
and donations from friends and neighbors  
**Saturday mornings**  
**10 am until gone**