



HOLY COMMUNION
JUNE 18, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHER'S DAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table, we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Be Not Dismayed (God Will Take Care of You)”

(Maj # 368 - favorite)

1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
2 Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
3 All you may need he will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
4 No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

be - neath his wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.
when dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.
lean, wea - ry one, up - on his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev - 'ry day, o'er all the way;

God will take care of you, God will take care of you.
take care of you.

Text: Civilla D. Martin, 1869–1948 Music: MARTIN, W. Stillman Martin, 1862–1935

INVOCATION *(= All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: AMEN.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God Who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Most merciful God, **C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. AMEN.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: AMEN.**

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

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

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

HYMN OF PRAISE "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"
(LBW # 403 - favorite - Text: Frances R. Havergal; Tune: Robert Schumann)

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full-ness, Lord, un-

liv-ing ech-oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa-v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre-cious truths which you im-part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver-y hearts o'er-flow in kin-dling thought and

let us seek your stray-ing chil-dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun-g'ring ones with man-na sweet.
 they may reach the hid-den depths of man-y a heart.
 glow-ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray together: **C: God of compassion, You have opened the way for us and brought us to Yourself. Pour Your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of Your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

(Please sit.)

FIRST READING ..Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7.... Pew Bible p. 24

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8.....Pew Bible p. 1752

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“I Love to Tell the Story” *verse 1* (Maj # 650 - favorite)

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I
seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I
love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my
love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -
Refrain
long - ings as noth - ing else can do. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill
va - tion from God's own Ho - ly Word.
be my theme in glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

WORDS: A. Catherine Hankey (1834-1911)
MUSIC: William G. Fischer (1835-1912)

HANKEY
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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 9:35-10:23.....Pew Bible p. 1510

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

“Workers For The Harvest”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.) “Freely, Freely”*

(Maj # 679 - favorite - Carol Owens)

1 God for-gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a - gain in
2 All . . . pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, in . . . earth and heav'n in
Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I come to you, to share his
Refrain
love as he told me to. He said, “Free - ly, free - ly
pow'r as he told me to. He said, “Free - ly, free - ly
you have re - ceived, free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

(Fathers may be seated. Everyone else stand in place to sing in honor of all fathers. Fathers are invited to join in singing the 3rd verse.)

FATHER'S DAY HYMN "Our Father, by Whose Name"

(LW # 465 - Text: F. Bland Tucker; Tune: John D. Edwards)

1. Our Fa - ther, by whose Name All fa - ther - hood is known,
 2. O Christ, thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
 3. O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,

Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,
 With heart still un - de - filed Thou didst to man - hood come;
 Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,

Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - ery place, That they may all be -
 In all our hearts such love in - crease, That ev - ery home, by

sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.
 this re - lease, May be the dwell - ing place of peace. A-MEN.

BLESSING OF FATHERS *(Please kneel.)*

L. God of all creation, pour out Your blessing on all fathers and those who provide fatherly care. You have made them in Your image and given them children to care for and love. Bless them with a heart like Your heart: discerning and thoughtful, bold and decisive, compassionate and loving. As they model for their children the life that is lived by faith and not by sight, grant them courage under pressure and confidence in Your power. When troubles threaten to overwhelm them, grant them Your calm. When doubts give rise to anxiety, shore up their trust in Your promises. When joy fills their days, grant them a keen gratitude for Your abundant supply of grace. Season them with a lively sense of humor, Lord, for it will make life richer for us all. In all circumstances preserve them as Your own. In Jesus' name,

C: AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: (WOV p 22)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. In great love You sent to us Jesus, Your Son, Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, Who preached good news to the poor, and Who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

In the night in which He was betrayed, 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 in 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.

P: Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table and taste of God's goodness and mercy. *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "Victim Divine" (SBH # 274 2nd tune - favorite)

Devotionally

SECOND TUNE

1. Vic - tim Di - vine, thy grace we claim While thus thy pre - cious
2. Thou stand - est in the ho - liest place, As now for guilt - y

death we show; Once of - fered up, a spot - less Lamb,
sin - ners slain; Thy Blood of sprink - ling speaks and prays

In thy great tem - ple here be - low, Thou didst for all man -
All - prev - a - lent for help - less man; Thy Blood is still our

kind a - tone, And stand - est now be - fore the throne.
ran - som found, And spreads sal - va - tion all a - round. A - men.

3 We need not now go up to heaven
To bring the long-sought Saviour down;
Thou art to all already given,
Thou dost e'en now thy banquet crown:
To every faithful soul appear,
And show thy real presence here. Amen.

ST. CHRYSOSTOM. 8 8, 8 8, 8 8.

JOSEPH BARNBY, 1838-96

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

2. "Find Us Faithful" (W&R # 497 - Jon Mohr)

1. We're pilgrims on the journey
of the narrow road,
and those who've gone before us
line the way.
cheering on the faithful,
encouraging the weary,
their lives a stirring testament
to God's sustaining grace.

2. Surrounded by so great
a cloud of witnesses,
let us run the race
not only for the prize,
but as those who've gone before us.
let us leave to those behind us,
the heritage of faithfulness
passed on thru godly lives. *Chorus:*

O may all who come be-hind us find us faith - ful;

may the fire of our de - vo - tion light their way.

May the foot - prints that we leave lead them to be - lieve,

and the lives we live in - spire them to o - bey.

O may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful.

3. **After all our hopes and dreams
 have come and gone,
 and our children sift thru all
 we've left behind,
 may the clues that they discover,
 and the mem'ries they uncover,
 become the light that leads them,
 to the road we each must find. *Chorus***

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please remain seated.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C:** **Generous God, we give You thanks that again this day You have opened wide Your hand and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ. Sharing Your compassionate heart, may we be a blessing to all who hunger and thirst; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

(Graduates stand in place and are congratulated with applause.)

BLESSING OF GRADUATES *(If any are present.)*

P: God of wisdom, we thank You for those who teach and those who learn. Bless those who have now completed this stage of their education. Be with them as they embark on the next stage of life's journey and grant many opportunities for sound learning, new discoveries, and the pursuit of wisdom. May all their questions bring them ever closer to You, the source of all truth, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: AMEN.**

BLESSING *(Please rise.)*

P: God almighty, God most merciful, God ever present, bless us, keep us, and grant us peace. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN

"Onward Christian Soldiers" (Maj # 600 - favorite)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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*Don & Yvonne Frankenfield:
On the occasion of their 64th Anniversary*

1 On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war, With the cross of
2 Like a might-y ar - my moves the Church of God; Broth-ers, we are
3 Crowns and thrones may per-ish, king - doms rise and wane, But the Church of
4 On-ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap-py throng; Blend with ours your

1 Je - sus go - ing on be - fore. Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a -
2 tread - ing where the saints have trod. We are not di - vid - ed, all one
3 Je - sus con-stant will re - main. Gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that
4 voic - es in the tri - umph song. Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to

1 gainst the foe; For - ward in - to bat - tle, see His ban-ners go.
2 bod - y we: One in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
3 Church pre-vail; We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can-not fail.
4 Christ the King: This through count-less a - ges men and an - gels sing.

On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war,

With the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Sally Stein / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
GUEST ORGANIST: Bob Harwick
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski
PROJECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-Jim Femister
LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Marianne Sands
LECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-Marianne Sands
USHERS: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Marianne Sands
ALTAR GUILD: Diane Hahn, Darlene Treisner
PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach
GRASS CUTTERS: Bruce Landis, Melissa Yalch
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Ruthann Kistler, Mike & Bella Zyskowski
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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