

Full Service Bulletin

MISSION SERVICE

JULY 9, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You

*may pray: **God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.***

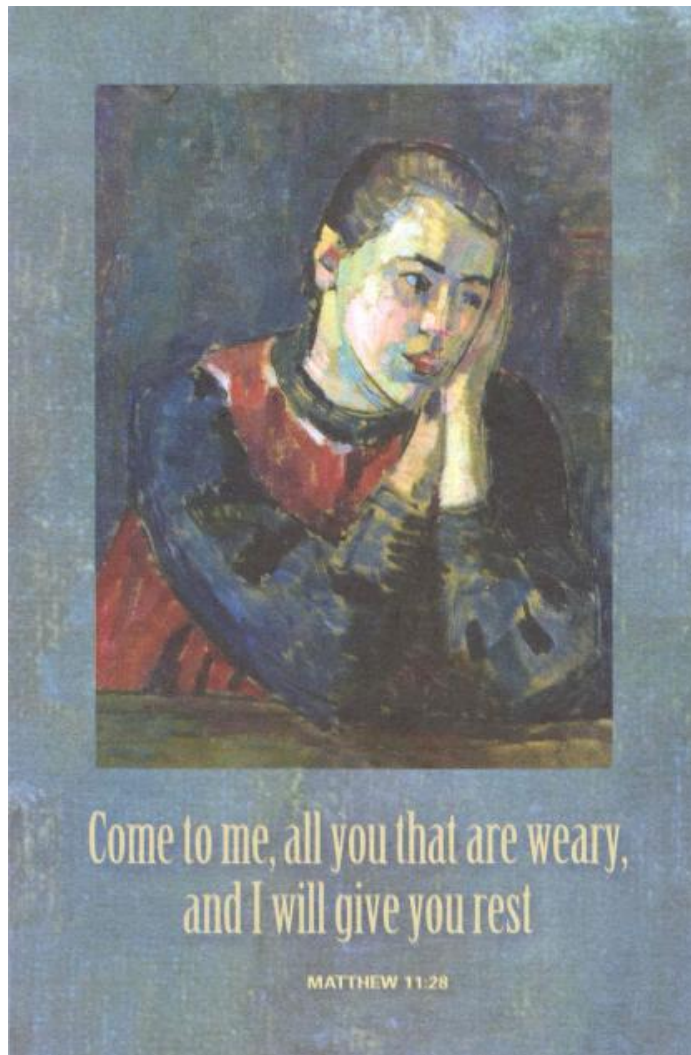
CHILDREN

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

INTRODUCTION

God's mysterious ways are often hidden from the wise and intelligent and revealed to the lowly and outcast. To those of us who struggle with our own selfish desires and

need God's mercy and forgiveness comes Christ's invitation: "Come to Me, all you that are weary and you will find rest for your souls."



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

Devotionally

1. Thou hid - den Love of God, whose height, Whose depth un - fath - omed
2. Thy se - cret voice in - vites me still The sweet - ness of thy

no man knows; I see from far thy beau - teous light,
yoke to prove; And fain I would; but, though my will

In - ly I sigh for thy re - pose. My heart is pained, nor
Seem fixed, yet wide my pas - sions rove. Yet hin - dran - ces strew

can it be At rest, till it finds rest in thee.
all the way; I aim at thee, yet from thee stray. A - men.

3 Is there a thing beneath the sun
That strives with thee my heart to share?
Ah, tear it thence, and reign alone,
The Lord of every motion there;
Then shall my heart from earth be free,
When it hath found repose in thee.

4 Each moment draw from earth away
My heart, that lowly waits thy call;
Speak to my inmost soul, and say,
'I am thy Love, thy God, thy All!'
To feel thy power, to hear thy voice,
To taste thy love, be all my choice. Amen.

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769 Tr. John Wesley, 1703-91

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Thou Hidden Love of God” (SBH # 391 2nd tune)

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Who forgives all our sin,
Whose mercy endures forever.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the presence of God, Who sees our hearts and our minds, let
us confess our sin.

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

P: God our strength,

**C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that
dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last.
What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for
more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find
ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death’s
grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we
may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.**

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God;
therefore we are justified by God’s grace as a gift. Nothing can
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we
have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life
of the 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

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus” (SBH # 492 - favorite)

Devotionally .

1. I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2. I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in him;

He bears them all, and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es, He doth my soul re - deem.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus, To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;

White in his Blood most pre - cious, Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es, He all my sor - rows shares.

3 I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be, like Jesus,
The Father's holy child.

I long to be with Jesus,
Amid the heavenly throng,
To sing with saints his praises,
To learn the angels' song.

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You. Grant that we may believe in You, call upon You, know You, and serve You, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 45:10-17

(congregation:reads indented)

Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear:

Forget your people and your father's house.

The king is enthralled by your beauty;

honor him, for he is your lord.

The Daughter of Tyre will come with a gift,

men of wealth will seek your favor.

All glorious is the princess within her chamber;

her gown is interwoven with gold.

In embroidered garments she is led to the king;

her virgin companions follow her

and are brought to you.

They are led in with joy and gladness;

they enter the palace of the king.

Your sons will take the place of your fathers;

you will make them princes throughout the land.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;

therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

PRaise SONG *(Please sit.) "Softly and Tenderly"*

(SBH # 578 - favorite - Will Thompson)



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; Pa - tient - ly Je - sus is wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
 par - don for you and for me.

ye who are wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

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)

CHILDREN'S CHAT Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READINGGenesis 24:34-67.....Pew Bible p. 35

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

SECOND READINGRomans 7:15-25a.....p. 1756

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*)

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (SBH # 499 verse 1)

Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889 VOX DILECTI. 8 6 8 6 D John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Je - sus as I was, Wea - ry and worn and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life-giv - ing stream;
I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The second system continues in the same key and time. The third system changes to a key signature of one sharp (F#) and remains in 4/4 time. The fourth system concludes the piece in the same key and time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 11:16-30.....p. 1513

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “Finding God’s Blessing”

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.)*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (SBH # 459 - favorite)

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886 Music: CONVERSE. Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

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!

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT “*Hearts of Fire*” Virtual Event

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

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

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: AMEN.

(Please rise.)

SENDING HYMN "Day By Day, Your Mercies Lord"

(WOV # 746 - favorite)

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my

com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will

send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will

naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to

treasure, where at last I'll find eter - nal rest.
sorrow till in glo - ry I behold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, b. 1936
Music: BLOTTEN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

PROJECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-Jim Femister

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-***VOL NEEDED***

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Alyce Stein / 10:45-Kathy Ballek

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

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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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