Full Service Bulletin

PRAISE SERVICE JUNE 23, 2024 FIFTH 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.

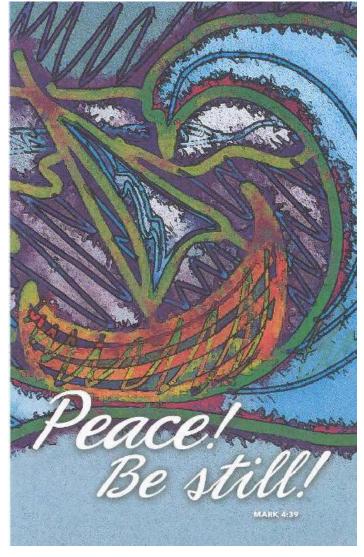
AMEN.

CHILDREN

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

Introduction

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call Him He calms the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to Him, their



creator. We also listen to Him and are called to believe in the power of God's Word in Him, a power greater than all that we fear.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION



GATHERING HYMN (Please rise.)

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (Maj #76)

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

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 "When Peace, Like a River" (LBW # 346 - favorite - Text: Horatio G. Spafford; Tune: Philip P. Bliss)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray together: C: O God of creation, eternal majesty, You preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By Your strength pilot us, by Your power preserve us, by Your wisdom instruct us, and by Your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

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RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

(congregation reads indented)

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

His love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—

those He redeemed from the hand of the foe,

those He gathered from the lands,

from east and west, from north and south.

Others went out on the sea in ships;

they were merchants on the mighty waters.

They saw the works of the LORD,

His wonderful deeds in the deep.

For He spoke and stirred up a tempest

that lifted high the waves.

They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;

in their peril their courage melted away.

They reeled and staggered like drunken men;

they were at their wits' end.

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,

and He brought them out of their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper;

the waves of the sea were hushed.

They were glad when it grew calm,

and He guided them to their desired haven.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love

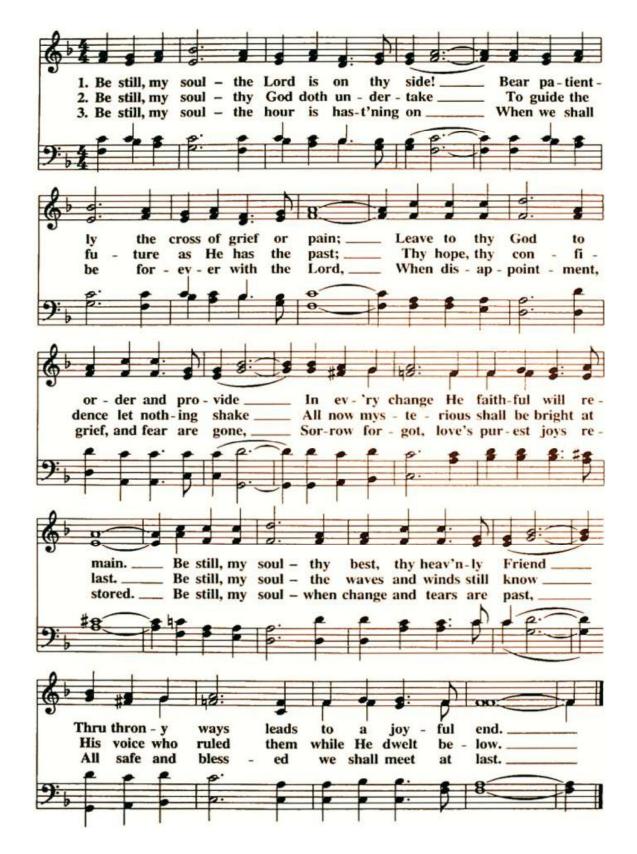
and His wonderful deeds for men.

Let them exalt Him in the assembly of the people

and praise Him in the council of the elders.

PRAISE SONG (Please sit.) "Be Still, My Soul!"

(CH # 712 - Text: Katharina von Schlegel, tr J. Borthwick; Tune: Jean Sibelius)



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)

SECOND READING2 Corinthians 6:1-13......p. 1799 P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise.)

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" verse 1 (Maj # 402 - favorite)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 4:35-41p. 1558

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION verse 2

(Young children go to Children's Church)

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON "Finding Jesus in the Storm"

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.)



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 Bible Reading Marathon

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: Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

(Ephesians 3:19) C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN (Please rise.)

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (Maj # 107 - 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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SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY:

GREETERS: 8:30-Diane Hahn / 10:45-Irene Graham SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Lyn Stryker LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce & Patty Stein COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

GRASS (6/16-22): Lyn Stryker, Jonah Kincaid, Melissa Yalch

HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry

SEXTON: Volunteer needed PHONETREE: Volunteer needed

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike 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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