

WORSHIP GUIDE

Second Sunday after Pentecost

JUNE 6TH, 2021 @ 10 A.M.



God's Will

Worship is a time of both shared community and private conversation with God. Let us all come to this sacred space to enjoy both the loving fellowship of our common faith and the prayerful quiet that will allow us all to draw closer to God. We welcome you here at *your* faith community! Please remember to properly wear your face mask at all times inside the church and to socially distance as we continue to navigate the pandemic looking out for one another.

Meditation: "As truly as God is our Father, as truly God is our Mother ~Julian of Norwich~"



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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music ✨

“Abide with Me/Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✨

“How Great Thou Art”

Call to Community — written by Thom Shuman

With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope

Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.

With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

Psalter Reading— Psalm 138 - *Taylor, James. Everyday Psalms Wood Lake Publishing.*

This is your home, O God.

I am so glad to be here that I kiss the earth you walk on.

I fling myself into the dust, the floor of your dwelling.

I extend my arms to embrace your earth.

But you lift me up from my lowly position.

You take me up as your guest.

You make me one of your family;

you even give me your name!

You take me under your wing.

When I cry out, you cover me;

I benefit from your strength. Foxes may lord it over the chicken coop, and squirrels over the sparrow's nest, but no creatures challenge the eagle's rule.

As the eagle soars above the field mice, so do you, O God, rise above us mortals.

Daily duties keep us scurrying close to the earth.

But you watch over us from on high;

you can see danger long before it draws near.

Troubles grow around us like tall grass

but in the shadow of your outspread pinions, predators scatter like minnows.

You watch over me, because you have a place for me in your plans.

Time With Children*WE MEDITATE UPON GOD'S WORD***Old Testament Reading**1 Samuel 8:4-20 (*The Message*)

Lector: Wells Ridenour

Fed up, all the elders of Israel got together and confronted Samuel at Ramah. They presented their case: "Look, you're an old man, and your sons aren't following in your footsteps. Here's what we want you to do: Appoint a king to rule us, just like everybody else." When Samuel heard their demand—"Give us a king to rule us!"—he was crushed. How awful! Samuel prayed to GOD. GOD answered Samuel, "Go ahead and do what they're asking. They are not rejecting you. They've rejected me as their King. From the day I brought them out of Egypt until this very day they've been behaving like this, leaving me for other gods. And now they're doing it to you. So let them have their own way. But warn them of what they're in for. Tell them the way kings operate, just what they're likely to get from a king." So Samuel told them, delivered GOD's warning to the people who were asking him to give them a king. He said, "This is the way the kind of king you're talking about operates. He'll take your sons and make soldiers of them—chariotry, cavalry, infantry, regimented in battalions and squadrons. He'll put some to forced labor on his farms, plowing and harvesting, and others to making either weapons of war or chariots in which he can ride in luxury. He'll put your daughters to work as beauticians and waitresses and cooks. He'll conscript your best fields, vineyards, and orchards and hand them over to his special friends. He'll tax your harvests and vintage to support his extensive bureaucracy. Your prize workers and best animals he'll take for his own use. He'll lay a tax on your flocks and you'll end up no better than slaves. The day will come when you will cry in desperation because of this king you so much want for yourselves. But don't expect GOD to answer." But the people wouldn't listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We will have a king to rule us! Then we'll be just like all the other nations. Our king will rule us and lead us and fight our battles."

Gospel Reading ✧Mark 3:20-35 (*The Message*)

Jesus came home and, as usual, a crowd gathered—so many making demands on him that there wasn't even time to eat. His friends heard what was going on and went to rescue him, by force if necessary. They suspected he was believing his own press. The religion scholars from Jerusalem came down spreading rumors that he was working black magic, using devil tricks to impress them with spiritual power. Jesus confronted their slander with a story: "Does it make sense to send a devil to catch a devil, to use Satan to get rid of Satan? A constantly squabbling family disintegrates. If Satan were fighting Satan, there soon wouldn't be any Satan left. Do you think it's possible in broad daylight to enter the house of an awake, able-bodied man, and walk off with his possessions unless you tie him up first? Tie him up, though, and you can clean him out. "Listen to this carefully. I'm warning you. There's nothing done or said that can't be forgiven. But if you persist in your slanders against God's Holy Spirit, you are repudiating the very One who forgives, sawing off the branch on which you're sitting, severing by your

own perversity all connection with the One who forgives.” He gave this warning because they were accusing him of being in league with Evil. Just then his mother and brothers showed up. Standing outside, they relayed a message that they wanted a word with him. He was surrounded by the crowd when he was given the message, “Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside looking for you.” Jesus responded, “Who do you think are my mother and brothers?” Looking around, taking in everyone seated around him, he said, “Right here, right in front of you—my mother and my brothers. Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Message - *God’s Home*

Pastor Katie

Contemplative Interlude ✦

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you!

And also with you!

Sisters and brothers of Christ, lift your hearts to God.

We open ourselves to the One who fills us with grace.

Beloved of the Lord, sing glad praises to God.

Songs of wonder are offered to our God.

O Holy God, through you we catch a glimpse of your eternal goodness and beauty. In the beginning of time, you shattered the stillness of chaos with your creative Word and your Faith-filled Spirit moved and transformed and shaped and created new life. In your minds eye, newness sprang forth – suns and moons spinning into galaxies, rivers racing into seas; gentle grain blowing in the breeze. You wanted to share this beautiful creation with those that you created in your own image, but we wanted to do things our own way. We turned away from your extravagant gifts and found ourselves surrounded by darkness. You would not leave us. You sent us prophets with words of hope and grace, but we rejected their words. We turned away from your extravagant gifts and found ourselves

surrounded by darkness. Your love was steadfast and your faith for us was strong. You sent Jesus to call us back to your heart and home. You sent us the light and the darkness can never extinguish it! Amen.

The Story

The Meal ✧

“Let All Mortal Flesh/Softly & Tenderly”

The Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
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.**

Sending Forth

God is good,
All of the time.

All of the time,
God is good.

Go in Peace, beloved friends! Amen.

Prelude to Service ✧

“Sunshine in My Soul”

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



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