**Faith & First**

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

## ~ June 2, 2024 ~

**Gathering**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness** WOV pg. 10

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

***C: Amen.***

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***C: Amen.***

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God,

***C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

***C: Amen.***

***\** Entrance Hymn *“Here in This Place”*** WOV #718

Vs. 1 Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness

vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
 brought here to you in the light of this day  
 Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the

blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken,   
 we shall arise at the sound of our name

Vs. 2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who

yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist’ry,  
 called to be light to the whole human race.  
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the

proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
 give us the courage to enter the song

Vs. 3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the

bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
 call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the

bread that is you; nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Vs. 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,

light years away - here in this place the new light is shining,  
 now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
 Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and

make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together,  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

**Greeting** *WOV pg. 28*

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.***

**\* Kyrie***WOV pg. 28*

P: Kyrie eleison:

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: Christe eleison:

***C: Christ, have mercy.***

P: Kyrie eleison:

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

**\* Hymn of Praise** *WOV pg.29*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone

are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth,

And peace to God’s people on earth.

**\* Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty and ever-living God,

***C:*** ***throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

**Word**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

*This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

**12**“Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. **13**Six days you shall labor and do all your work. **14**But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work, you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox, or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest, as you. **15**Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

**Psalm 81:1-10**

1Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**2Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre. Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

3Blow the ram’s horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

**4for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.**

5God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know.

**6“I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger’s basket. Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

7You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**8Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

9There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

**10I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

*When we carry out God’s ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we preserve no matter what, trusting in God’s power and promises at work through us.*

5We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. 6For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge or the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. 8We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. 11For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. 12So death is a work in us, but life in you.

**\* Gospel Acclamation** *WOV pg. 31*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

**\* Gospel: Mark 2:23-36**

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

23One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” 25And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? 26He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but priests to eat, and he also gave some to his companions.” 27Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; 28so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

3:1Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” 4Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. 5He looked around at them in anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6Then the Pharisees went out and began to immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day “God Is Here!”** WOV #719

Vs. 1 God is here! As we his people meet to offer

praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure  
 what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the

world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
 wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Vs. 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong

need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit,  
 here the cross has central place. Here in honesty

of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
 here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Vs. 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's

flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken,  
 Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants

of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
 what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Vs. 4 Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of

change and doubt, keep us faithful to the Gospel,  
 help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's

dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
 we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

\* **Apostles’ Creed** *WOV pg. 33* 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 bur ied; he descended into hell.

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.

**\* The Prayers**

***Lord, listen to your children praying,*** *WOV #775*

***Lord, send your Spirit in this place;***

***Lord, listen to your children praying,***

***Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.***

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary; those who struggle in any way and those who care for them especially

Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion and frustration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Lord, listen to your children praying,***

***Lord, send your Spirit in this place;***

***Lord, listen to your children praying,***

***Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.***

**Meal**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***C: And also with you.***

**\* Offering *“Let the vineyards”*** *WOV pg. 35*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we

offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord,

and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**\* Offering Prayer**

P: Merciful God,

***C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given to us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\* Great Thanksgiving** *WOV pg. 36*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.***

**\* Words of Institution** *WOV pg. 36*

P: 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 for the 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

***C: Amen.***

**\* Lord’s Prayer** *WOV pg. 39*

***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.***

**Communion Distribution**

**\*Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep

you in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**\* Canticle** *WOV Pg. 40*

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell every-

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord rejoice and bear Christ’s holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God,

and lead us forth in joy with shouts

Of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

**\* Prayer** WOV Pg. 41

P:Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

***C: Amen.***

**Sending**

**\* Blessing** WOV Pg. 41

P: Almighty God, Father + Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\* Sending Hymn “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** LBW #363

Vs. 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands

empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with

praises ring. In death his love shall never die.

Vs. 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant

years in Palestine, He comes to claim the

here and now And conquer ev'ry place and time.

Vs. 3 Not throned a far, remotely high, Untouched un-

moved by human pains, But daily, in the

midst of life, Our Savior with the Father reigns.

Vs. 4 In ev'ry insult, rift and war, Where color,

scorn, or wealth divide, He suffers still, yet

loves the more, And lives, through ever crucified.

Vs. 5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord –

He rules the world his Father made,

Till, in the end, his love adored

Shall be to all on earth displayed.

**“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** ELW #389

Vs. 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands

empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with

praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Vs. 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant

years in Palestine, but saving, healing,

here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

Vs. 3 In ev'ry insult, rift and war, where color,

scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet

loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Vs. 4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the

Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the

life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Vs. 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to

this and ev'ry age, till earth and sky and

ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

**\* Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor. ***C: We will! Thanks be to God!***