

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 13, 14 2020 – St. Peter's campus of the UPG

Prelude Hymn Sings: #546 To Be Your Presence

#579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

#800 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

#798 Will You Come and Follow Me

#815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

A: Welcome

Introduction to the day:

P: Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. 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.

Prayer to help prepare for worship:

A: 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 Lord. Amen. Our worship continues with our prelude music.

PRELUDE *(Music utilized to prepare yourself for worship)*

INVOCATION *(A call to "invoke" God's presence into our midst)*

P: We gather In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Public statement of our wrong doings followed by the promise that God forgives us. Authorized by Christ!)*

A: 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.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(Invitation by worship leader to welcome ALL in the name of our God)

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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

A: A reading from Exodus.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 100 (Please read responsively)

P ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

A: A reading from Romans

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERMON

Josh Gulotta

GOSPEL: *(Found in the New Testament, the Gospels provide first-hand accounts of the life of Jesus Christ)*

Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th Chapter beginning with the 35th verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will

betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Suzanne Trump

HYMN # ELW 575 In Christ Called to Baptize

APOSTLES CREED *(A summary of our core beliefs)*

**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 buried;
He descended to the dead.
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

A: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world (*A brief silence*). Holy One, You bring us together and call us Your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith. Guide Your church, that we might be a holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Holy One, the whole earth is Yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring abatement. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what You have provided. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Holy One, we have created divisions You will not own. In places of conflict, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who work for justice. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Holy One, walk with all who continue to care for others during this time of pandemic. For those who are working in the medical fields and attempting to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. For those who are working to help find a cure for this disease. For those who are distributing goods and delivering those goods to the marketplace. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Holy One, guide our community and those within our world in leading lives that boldly proclaim Your great love for the world, free from fear. Empower each of us to be peace makers in this time of unrest and rise up to meet the challenges of being disciples in this time and this place. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Holy One, You provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Prepare us to labor and gather the fruits of our community of faith, that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

A: Holy One, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens. Uplift those who are sick, lonely, suffering, or near death. Guide the thoughts of our hearts and the words of our mouth with Your comforting presence and free us from all of our fears. Bring Your children the peace and comfort we long for. Lord in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: We lift up our individual prayers to You (silence for reflection). Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: With bold confidence in Your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into Your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sharing of the peace

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: WE now invite you to say hello and share the peace with our worship community. (give some time)

Our Offerings

While the pastors are sharing information about the offerings, please prepare to receive Holy Communion. Unveil the elements that you have prepared at home.

Holy Communion

Preface

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 give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: *(Please pick up your "host bread" and lift above your head emulating the pastor)*

On the night in which He was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is My Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

(Place your "host bread" back on your altar. Now pick up your "host wine/grape juice" and lift above your head emulating the pastor)

Again, after the meal, 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."

(Place your "host wine/grape juice" back on your altar)

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(At this point please pick up your "host bread." If there are multiple people in your house, please share the bread with one another. We will consume the bread at the same time sharing our unity through this Holy Meal.)

P: "The Body of Christ given for you!"

C: Amen. *(Please consume your "host" bread.)*

(At this point, please hold your "host wine/grape juice." We will consume the "host wine/grape juice at the same times sharing our unity through this meal.)

P: "The Blood of Christ shed for you!"

C: Amen. *(Please consume your "host" wine/grape juice.)*

P: I now invite those who have abstained from receiving Holy Communion to speak the prayer below, as those who have received this Sacrament maintain silence for personal prayer and reflection on the grace that God pours out to us all!

Please take note: If you are abstaining from receiving Holy Communion, please utilize this time of silence to share the following prayer.

C: I believe that You are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I always desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim Your resurrection. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot receive You in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I implore You to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with Your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from You. May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life that is to come. Amen.

Based on a prayer from: *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

(At this point, please "veil" the elements as the pastors are veiling the elements at worship.)

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and Christ's precious blood strengthen you and keep you in God's grace unto eternal life.

C: Amen.

Post- Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This time will be reserved for any comments or questions from the gathered community.

SENDING PRAYER:

A joint prayer being shared by both the ELCA and the Episcopal Church

A: A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God. God of all power and love,

C: we give thanks for Your unfailing presence

and the hope You provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send Your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us Your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,

bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather,

unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,

that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The

Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace! Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

LITURGY NOTES:

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