



Hope

June 14, 2020

Second Sunday After Pentecost

ORGAN PRELUDE Prelude: Two Variations on Leoni

<https://youtu.be/KpD8RrnXdQU>

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy. Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal, to be forgiven and to forgive, to be freed from sin and to set others free, to tell one another and the world:

Many: **God's presence is at hand. Let us worship God.**

<https://youtu.be/0VE-1awZabM>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, without your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd. Sometimes we are harassed by sin and feel helpless against its power. Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power to harass the helpless. Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home. Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Holy Parent of us all.

AN ACT OF PRAISE *Gloria*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*Darcella Sessomes*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veB12uNhKRo>

God of redemption summons us to Sarah's joy, Abraham's wonder, and Paul's confident hope through the word and work of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, ‘My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ The LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

PSALTER

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stephanie DeGeneste

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICJv1uvLyYU>

GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

Then Jesus 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. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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. These 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; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

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

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When 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; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When 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.

SERMON

Rev. Lynn Santulli

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= D_e8cS6tOE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_e8cS6tOE)

SERMON HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reign Above

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<https://youtu.be/iK3TSi97KwY>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Apostle's Creed** *Andre McIntyre*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gArFkL7FGIY>

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING - *Reflect on what offering might make to those around you and to the community. Commit your tithes to church (you can even go to the church's website and click on 'Donate Now' to send in your gifts or mail them to the church office.)*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we offer these gifts to you in faith and in trust that they will be used for the building up of Your Kingdom here on earth. Lord, grant that we may make a difference, lighting the darkness with Your Spirit of love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

written by Darcella Sessomes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtMlb69Tekw>

LORD HELP US BREATHE AGAIN

(Genesis 2:7 inspired)

Gracious and Holy God, your word says that you formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and we became a living soul.

Lord When you breathed into these earthen vessels, we call the human bodies, all different shades, and genders, Lord, we became Alive. We thank you, Lord, for your breath of life. And because you gave the breath of life to your people, we pray that you protect us from those who would want to take the breath away.

Lord, in a world where we are feeling as if we are suffocating due to an abundance of hatred and a lack of love,
Lord, we can't breathe;

Lord In a world where we see a select group of your sheep is targeted with modern-day injustice and unfairness
Lord, we can't breathe;

Lord in a world where justice feels as if it is crushed to the earth to arise no more
Lord, we can't breathe;

Lord in a world when wrong seems as if its forever on the throne and hope is fleeting
Lord, we can't breathe.

Lord God almighty, with that single breath, you created your people so that we could live a healthy and fulfilled life in community with one another. A life filled with joy, peace, kindness, faith, love, and freedom. Lord, we pray that you breathe in your people again. Fill us abundantly with the oxygenated power of your holy spirit. Reconnect us to humanity as only you can and in a way that pleases you. Fill us with the breath of unconditional love for one another in the same manner you loved us. Grant us grace and peace as only you can. Amen.

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 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. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN All People That on Earth Do Dwell

#220

<https://youtu.be/FjqF0KKRQtE>

BENEDICTION

The joy of the Lord is your strength. Go from this time of worship and be encouraged for God has called you to serve Him this day and to live life abundantly. May the Lord bless and keep you, May His Face shine brightly upon you, May His Holy Spirit grant you peace.

POSTLUDE

In Dir Ist Freude, J. S. Bach

<https://youtu.be/1qhOpM MQEs>



When
heartache grief sorrow despair
when suffering
overwhelms and envelops your heart...
the Holy Spirit whispers softly, tenderly
"Endure. Endure.
I have prepared a place
in your heart for
hope."

The same God
who brought the Israelites
up from the bondage of slavery
to the wilderness at Sinai...
This same God
will bring you up too from your
wilderness bondage of suffering
as He did for the Israelites...
by lifting you up
as on wings of eagles...
and give you a character of endurance.

For the Holy Spirit Place of Love...
prepared in your heart by the
One who was Suffering itself
and willingly gave up His Life
to give you yours...

This Holy Spirit Place of Love
will give you hope...
born from your
suffering enduring character...
A hope rooted in God.
A hope rooted in Jesus.
A hope rooted in Love.

Thus,

when we are filled with the Holy Spirit of Hope
we will, as the people of God,
the beloved sheep of His pasture...
we will eagerly desire to enter His gates and courts
with thanksgiving and praise
to worship Him joyfully with
gladness and singing...
because of this Holy Spirit gift called
Hope.

Hope.
A beginning. An end.
An end. A beginning.
Given. In. Love.

Ex.19:2-8a Psalm 100 Rom.5:1-8

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Health Issues:

Brian; Anthony; The Beaucasan Family; Leon Edwards; Cynthia; Elaine Duesbury; Frank; Drew Moore; Candyce Norris; Glenna Stevens; Terry; Janie Whiteford; Henry Ward, Jr.; Jay and daughter; Bob Newell; Kassi and Family; Juliet Fydrich; Michael R.; the Carlson family; Karen West; Lindsey Loftons and Brenda Hopper; Thomas West Jr.; Marlotte Troy Williams; Ben (Covid-19); Harvey Downing (Jeff's father); Deonila Frank (Dominique's mother)

Homebound:

Sonnia Cook; George Germinder.

Bereavement:

All those grieving the passing of loved ones during this pandemic; Glen's brother, , on the passing of his wife, Dorothy

World Issues:

Southern Cameroon (Ambazonia)

For all those on the front lines of fighting this virus, essential workers, those sheltering at home, those with loved ones battling the disease, those grieving loved ones who have passed. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

For justice for all people, for healing from violence and anger, for hope for all people to lift our souls to you, O Lord.



Celebrating Our Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL

AWARDS

CEREMONY

Zoom Call

11:30 AM

June 14, 2020



Join Us!

RSVP Required by 6/10

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- Food Mission
- Acolyte Service
- Junior Ushers & Greeters
- Heifer International
- Jesus Is The Reason for the Season
- Souper Bowl Sunday
- Black History Month
- Liturgical Music & Drama
- Coffee Fellowship Assistance



The Heart of Christian Faith

Wednesday Evenings - Zoom Meeting 7 PM

Beginning Wednesday, June 17 we will be embarking on a journey of discovery

We've all been through a lot and much of what has happened has left us feeling depleted, maybe confused, unsure of where we are going and what all of this really 'means.' In response to all of this and more, we are going deeper. Deeper into our faith and seeking greater understanding
Deeper into our life as disciples to drink from the well of hope
Deeper into exploring the questions we have, the doubts we hold, the joy we know and the faith that has seen us through so much

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