

June 27, 2021
Fifth after Pentecost

We Gather In God's Presence

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering In Song MV 92 "Like a Rock"

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation – see last page ...

Call to Worship

Come among us, Creator God; we wait for you.

We come, yearning for your Word of blessing.

Come among us, Compassionate Christ; we hope in you.

We come, longing to be held safe in your embrace.

Come among us, Spirit of Life; we wait and hope in you.

We come, eager to rest in the embrace of your peace.

Hymn VU 402 "We Are One"

We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

We gather in your presence, God,
carrying our longings, our broken dreams, our fears, and a lifetime of hurts.
We come to touch the hem of your garment, to have shattered hearts restored,
yet we shrink from those who come to us for hope, afraid to touch them.
We come to learn to love as you loved, unconditionally,
for we ignore our neighbours, and inflict pain on loved ones.
We come to learn to share as you shared, extravagantly,
for we ignore and walk past those who need us most.
Forgive us, God, for failing to live up to your calling.
Give us grace to embrace those who frighten us, to bless those we share life with,
and to lift up our brothers and sisters in need. In the name of your Anointed One,
Jesus, we pray. Amen.

We Are Blessed By God

Anthem: "[When You Believe](#)" BYU Noteworthy Featuring BYU Women's Chorus

Responsive Reading: Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you.

O God, hear my cry!

Let your ears be attentive to my plea for mercy.

If you should keep account of what is done amiss,

O God, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you,
therefore we will honour you.**

I wait for you, God;

my soul waits, and in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for God
more than the watchers long for morning,
more than the watchers long for morning.**

O Israel, wait in hope,

for with God there is love unfailing.

**With God is great power to redeem,
to redeem you, Israel, from all your sins.**

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴ So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told

him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*For those of you who are interested, the other readings for this week are: **2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15.** You can look them up on www.biblegateway.com and search for the passage in your translation of choice*

Hymn MV 159 "In Star and Crescent"

In star and crescent, wheel and flame, in rugged cross and empty tomb,
we image forth on matchless name, one holy matrix, fount, and womb.
Though different cultures tribes, and lands use lenses ground to differing sight,
each colour of the prism's bands refracts from one all-dazzling light.
In burning incense, tithing gifts, in breaking bread and pouring wine,
each act of ardent worship lifts our human hearts to Love Divine.
In Buddhist chant and Muslim prayer, in shofar, drum, and sacred song,
the music thankful spirits share give praise in voices millions strong.
With varied hopes and dreams and creeds, all tiles in one mosaic whole,
we serve our God in faithful deeds on pathways to one common goal.
No Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, no male and female set apart,
but all are one, as family held close with in our Maker's heart.

Meditation: "L'chaim"

Hymn VU 471 "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"

Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.

Asking for a cup of water,
Jesus touched forbidden ground;
and the woman, with a question,
told the world what she had found.

Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.

Walking down a desert highway,
Jesus healed a man born blind;

soon the man became a witness
to the truth we seek and find.

Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.

Weeping for his friend at graveside,
Jesus felt the pain of death;
yet he knew God's power to waken:
living water, living breath.

Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Truly it is right to give you, loving God, both our thanks and praise, for you alone are God, active and ever present in our lives, yet beyond both time and space. Out of nothing your Word called forth the heavens and the earth. At the sound of your voice light was established. You created all life, including woman and man. You called us to be your people, and promised to be our God. Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen, and with all the faithful of every time and place, we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving.

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

Gracious God, from the beginning we have denied you. Adam and Eve turned from your fellowship, and were cast from the garden. Jacob wrestled with you, and you put his hip out of joint. Even David did what was wrong in your sight. Countless others rejected the words of your prophets, and became lost in this world. And so, in the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus, to walk a little while with us. To the outcast he brought fellowship. To the lame and the ill he brought healing. To the sinner he brought forgiveness. To all he brought salvation. Yet we even managed to deny and betray Jesus, who, on the night of his betrayal took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which I give for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, he took the cup, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me." And so, in memory of your Son's great sacrifice, we humbly offer what little we have, the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

We ask you, great and glorious God, to pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on your gifts, that, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we may be united with Christ, and as the body of Christ. We also ask that you pour out your Spirit upon your creation, and make it anew. Send your Pentecostal Spirit to Your church, setting it ablaze with passion for your mission in this world: especially we pray for South Caradoc Pastoral

Charge as they continue to worship you following the loss of their building last November. Gather together your peoples, from the ends of the earth, into your realm, where justice and mercy truly exist. This week we pray especially for the people of Kenya and Tanzania. Comfort all who mourn a loss, especially all who mourn the death of the Afzaal family, and the friends and family of Jim Duffin and Bill Parcels. Bring healing and wholeness of spirit to all who are ill or dying, awaiting medical intervention or recovering from treatment, especially the Rev. Lynne Allin, Tabitha Carey, Ron Dickie, Bill Latham, Jim Parish, Ken Purdon, Barbara Thompson, and their loved ones and caregivers and those known only in the silence of our own hearts.....

We ask this, that we, with all your people, of every language, race and nation, may share the banquet you have promised, as we pray the words we were taught:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Prayer following Communion

We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us at Your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us our separate ways united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Respond to God's Love Made Known

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

You can ask the treasurer of the church if you want. She'll tell you. I don't give a single cent to the church. I do, however, give to God through the church. It has taken me years of growing my spiritual discipline to reach the goal of 10% of my income being directed to God. I have arrived, sort of. I give to God slightly more than 10% of my net income, but less than 10% of my gross income. I guess there is always room to grow in our spiritual disciplines, just as there is always need for God's love to be made known in real and concrete ways in our community and in our world. Won't you join me on the journey.

Gracious God, these offerings are a reflection of our love for you and our commitment to your kingdom of justice and peace. Use them to extend justice in this world of injustice and to bring peace to this world filled with hatred and violence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn VU 420 "Go to the World"

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Commissioning and Benediction

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at our back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rains fall soft upon our fields,
and, until we meet again,
may God hold us all in the palm of God's hand.

Sung Response: "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there supporting us with love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

Scripture Readings for the coming weeks:

Sixth after Pentecost / Proper 9 (July 4)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Seventh after Pentecost / Proper 10 (July 11)

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Eighth after Pentecost / Proper 11 (July 18)

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Ninth after Pentecost / Proper 12 (July 25)

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

Tenth after Pentecost / Proper 13 (August 1)

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35