

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 6

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: “Arioso”. J.S. Bach. Transcribed by Sam Franco

Cello: Lusine Petrosyan

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

We have gathered here to worship God,

we have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

Hymn: VU 122 “All Glory, Laud and Honour” Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820. Trans. by John Mason Neale
Music: Melchior Teschner, 1615. Words, Music & Translation in the Public Domain

All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel, and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one.

All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we come to you crying out our grief when our dreams are shattered, never once stopping to think about the grief we may have caused you. You pick us up, put us on your knee and listen to our fears, to the sound of our hearts breaking. And then you plant seeds of grace and seeds of hope in our hearts and tell us to let go of the dreams and the heartache we feel, as you have already done with the heartache we have caused. Help us let go of our broken dreams and to count the many blessings we enjoy. Help us to adopt your dream of a place and time when all will have what they need to thrive. Give us the strength and the courage to go and scatter seeds of grace and seeds of hope in the lives of our world's most vulnerable. And then, join us as we gather together to celebrate true shalom. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Are Blessed By God

Ministry of Music “Hallelujah“ words and music by Leonard Cohen

Cello: Lusine Petrosyan

A Song of Faith (page 6-7)

Before conscious thought or action on our part,
we were born into the brokenness of this world.

Before conscious thought or action on our part,
we are surrounded by God’s redeeming love.

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity
is the means by which we are received, at any age,
into the covenanted community of the church.

It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith
and cleansing by the power of God.

Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,
and transforming power of God’s love
and our grateful response to that grace.

Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored,
we welcome all in the name of Christ.

Invited to the table where none shall go hungry,
we gather as Christ’s guests and friends.

In holy communion
we are commissioned to feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.

The open table speaks of the shining promise
of barriers broken and creation healed.

In the communion meal, wine poured out and bread broken,
we remember Jesus.

We remember not only the promise but also the price that he paid
for who he was,
for what he did and said,
and for the world’s brokenness.

We taste the mystery of God’s great love for us,
and are renewed in faith and hope.

Hymn VU 448 “We Know That Christ Is Raised” Words: John B. Geyer. Music: Charles Villiers Stanford.

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We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The God of splendour clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm 20 VU 742

R: Not a word shall fail of the promise God has made.

May God answer you in the day of trouble,
and the name of God defend you.

**May God send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from the holy mountain.**

May God remember all your offerings,
and accept your burnt sacrifices.

**May God grant you your heart's desire,
and give success to all your plans.**

May we rejoice in your victory
and triumph in the name of our God.

May God fulfil your every wish.

R: Not a word shall fail of the promise God has made.

Now I know, O God, that you help your anointed,
**and will answer from your holy heaven
with the victorious might of your right hand.**

Some put their trust in chariots,
and some in horses,

but we will trust in the name of our God.

They will totter and fall;

but we shall rise and stand upright.

God, save those who rule,

and answer us when we call.

R: Not a word shall fail of the promise God has made.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 David Anointed as King

Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to

the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*The other readings for this week are: **2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34** . You can look them up on www.biblegateway.com and search for the passage..... in the translation of your preference.*

Meditation: "Change is Inevitable"

Hymn MV 28 "God of the Bible" Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1995. Words © 1996 Hope Publishing Company.

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God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Not by your finger, nor by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

We Respond To God's Grace

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

God of love and generosity, we bring to you our praise and thanks for the good things in our lives. On this day we offer special thanks for those gentle men we call our fathers: our adoptive, biological and stepfathers, our grandfathers and our great grandfathers; and all those who have gone before us; for our cultural fathers, the fathers of our nation, of our church and of our faith. Especially we thank you, as father of Jesus, that you sent him to be our guide and helper through life. We are indeed blessed.

On this day we pray for all fathers who carry the responsibility of being providers, protectors and teachers of their children. Guide them to do so with wisdom and with love. We know that many human fathers are stressed out with the problems of unemployment, of physical and mental illness, with separation from their children. We ask your guidance and care for them. Some human fathers have sole custody of their children; lead them, Holy One, in this awesome task of raising their children.

Hear our prayers too for those who find it so difficult to see you, O God, as a loving father because of the abuse they have known from their human fathers. Send them healing, loving light that both abused and abuser may grow into the wholeness of your love.

As this coming Friday is National Indigenous Peoples Day, we pray seeking guidance for continued healing between First Nations people and those who have come here from other parts of your world. We pray especially for an end to the evil of racism that still plagues us.

We pray for others also; for White Oaks United Church, and their spiritual leader, Michelle Owens; for the all the people of this world, especially the people of Malawi, and Zambia; for all who mourn, especially the friends and family of John Woods; for all who are ill or dying, awaiting medical intervention or recovering from medical treatment, especially we think of Marion Jenkins, their loved ones and caregivers and those known only in the silence of our own hearts....

All this we pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. And we sing the words he taught us:

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

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**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

There are many spiritual disciplines we engage in: reading scripture, prayer, Bible Study, and participating in corporate services of worship to name a few. There is one other spiritual discipline that we practice, although many of us don't identify it as a spiritual practice, and that is the sharing of the resources at our disposal for the benefit of others – you know, our tithes and offerings. Let's practice now. Our tithes, and our offerings will be received.

Offertory Hymn MV 191 "What Can I Do?" Words and Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy;
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What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn VU 699 "Live into Hope" Words: Jane Parker Huber, 1981. Words © Westminster John Knox Press.
Music: Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica, Vol. 2. Harmonized by Lowell Mason
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Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Commissioning and Benediction

The One who reconciles us one to another,
and with the Holy Trinity, sends us forth.

We go searching out the broken, carrying healing in our hands.

Jesus, by whose grace-filled hands
we have been given new life, sends us forth.

We go seeking out those whom we have ignored, extending welcome like a warm embrace.

The Spirit, who teaches us to look at others
through eyes of love and hope, send us forth.

We go creating a new community of hope with those the world has cast aside.

Response: VU 298 "When You Walk from Here" Words & Music: Linnea Good
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When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

Postlude: "What a Wonderful World" Words and music by George David Weiss & Bob Thiele
Cello: Lusine Petrosyan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Central Board meets Wednesday, June 19 at 19:00 hrs. (7:00 p.m.).

Holy Diner starts soon! Thursday, June 27 is the first of ten weeks of Holy Diner this year.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

June 23 – Fifth after Pentecost - Proper 7

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 **OR** 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Psalm 9:9-20;

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41