



June 13, 2021

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision with Surely The Presence of the Lord Is In This Place*

Arr. M. Hayes, J. Reed

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PASSING OF PEACE, RINGING OF THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this is love, not that we loved GOD, but that GOD loved us, sending GOD's Son into the world, that we might live through Him. The Kingdom of GOD has come near. Repent and believe in the Good News.

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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CALL TO PRAYER

We go about our daily routines, surrounded by technology and comforts of control. We fill every moment of every day with narrative and noise. In faith, we think differently; we breathe differently, adapting to the cadence of others' voices in unison. We yield our control, to be part of the Body of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal GOD. You created us to love, yet without Your grace, we only sought our desires and vanities. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. All powerful GOD, in Jesus Christ, You turned death into eternal life, and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in our Savior, that we may triumph over evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the LORD appointed me to bring good news to the poor and release to the captives that the blind would see and the lame would walk, the deaf would hear and all peoples, would see God together." In another place, Jesus declared "The rulers of this world will be driven out, and when I am lifted up from this earth, I will draw all people to myself." Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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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, Amen.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

J. Newton/Arr. G. Lanier

Oboe: Pam Coggins, Flute: Jamie Reed

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 17:22-24

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. “I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.”

Mark 4: 21-34

He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

“Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

SERMON*“Leave a Light on in the Hall”***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles’ Creed

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, died, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is sitteth at 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Here I Am, Lord D. Schutte/Arr. C. Courtney, J. Reed

Soloist: Peggi Briggs, English Horn: Pam Coggins

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry,
All who dwell in darkest sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus

⌘ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father,
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE

O Day of Peace

Parry/Callahan

☩ Please stand

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Flowers provided by: Marvin & Sandra Clark in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized: Ellie Higginson

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
May-2021		Through Week #23 (6/6/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 62,050	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	130
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 43,963	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	3111
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 301,488	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	170
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 341,476	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	3412
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	6523
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
<p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i></p>			

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