

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: Jesus takes the little faith we have and steadies us.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN "Green Book" 554 This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'ry where.

This is my Father's world; Oh, let me not forget  
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

### OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

**C: in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch** *Psalm 5:3*

P: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**C: and with Your glory all the day.** *Psalm 71:8*

P: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise** *Psalm 51:15*

### **OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER**

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: We confess that we are like Peter. We have a desire to come to You and know of Your wonderful love. Yet, we also know that when the worries of life come upon us, we fall down. We know ourselves too well and see our weaknesses. Strengthen us with faith this day. Extend Your hand of forgiveness so that we can continue our walk with You.....**

*Silence for reflection*

P: The storms of this world and of our lives are no threat to Jesus. With a simple word, Jesus can calm what challenges us. With the extending of his hand, Jesus can steady us for life in this life and for service in his name for others. In the stead and by the command of Jesus, I share his words and announce his grace....."peace be with", your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Green Book" 551 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us Pray..... Almighty God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### Old Testament: Job 38:4-18

*The power of the Lord is too mighty for us to fully comprehend*

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.

### Epistle: Romans 10:5-17

*Everyone who believes in Jesus will not be put to shame*

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

*Peter encounters Jesus while walking to him on the sea*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**SERMON SONG "Red Book" 183 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,  
Be the Guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray;  
Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus,  
Hear Thy children when they pray;  
Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus,  
Hear Thy children when they pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us;  
Poor and sinful though we be.  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free;  
Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill;  
Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

**WE SHARE OUR FAITH**

**C: 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 Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life + everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING** (We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer**)

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and.....+ give you peace.  
C: **Amen.**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Through out all their life time my people shall prove  
My sovereign eternal , unchangeable love;  
Amd then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be home.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.