

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (did not record this week)

CHOIR ANTHEM We Will Come to Praise the Lord

CALLING ON GOD

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

C: Amen

WE CONFESS.....

P: Before we begin our worship celebration, it is good for us to clear the decks by admitting our sins and receiving the reassurance of God's forgiveness for all our sins—which is why we celebrate! So let's confess:

C: Gracious God, we come to you in worship because we want to give thanks and praise to you, and to hear your good word of hope and promise. But we gather with the very clear awareness of being sinners in serious need of your grace. We have sinned in our thoughts, our words, our actions. We admit that we have not always kept our priorities in order; we have valued material things and selfish desires over spiritual values. Forgive us, Lord, and help us by your Spirit to put our spiritual life first, following you as our Savior and Lord.

CONFESSONAL SONG "Red Book" 195 (twice through) Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

.....AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son for us, and for his sake forgives all your sins. As a servant of God's Word and by his authority, I therefore declare to you now the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SONG "Red Book" 187 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

God's promise is to swallow up death forever.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:4-13

God's peace surpasses our understanding

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

As host, the Lord invites all to His feast

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

SERMON

Pastor Max Metcalf

SERMON HYMN "Green Book" 157 (vs. 1-3) A Hymn of Glory (did not record this week)

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns through-out the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before un-trod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior!" thus they say,
"This is his glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

APOSTLE'S CREED

**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

The offerings gathered are a sign of our whole lives offered to God in humble gratitude for his greatest of all offerings, his Son offered for our salvation.

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

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 235 This Little Light of Mine

This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't you try to blow it out; I'm going to let it shine;
Don't you try to blow it out; I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hit it under a bushel? NO! I'm going to let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood; I'm going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood; I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hold it high so all can see; I'm going to let it shine;
Hold it high so all can see; I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL