

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 12, 2016

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father,

C: Who created heaven and earth.

P: In the name of His + Son, Jesus,

C: Who was born humbly, lived perfectly, died sacrificially, and rose victoriously.

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: Who calls, gathers, enlightens, and gives to us the gift of faith. Amen.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we do confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We now take a moment of silence for reflection.

Time for reflection

P: The Pharisees said about Jesus, "If this man were a prophet, He would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." We confess that we often fail to see our own sin and like the Pharisees concentrate on the faults of others.

C: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P: In response to the prophet Nathan and his parable, David was eager to punish a man who had sinned against his neighbor, but didn't recognize the sin he himself had committed.

C: We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Having heard your statements this morning, hear the Gospel—the Good News! God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE "Red Book" 114

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me—this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong—They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—loves me still, Though I'm very weak and ill;
That I might from sin be free, Bled and died upon the tree.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—He will stay Close beside me all the way,
Though hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for the.
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Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

BAPTISM OF ED HAINES

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....Heavenly Father, as we gather before You as different kinds of people, unite us as one in the name of Your Son. Through Your Holy Spirit, help us to grow in love toward those whom You have loved and saved. May we with humble and repentant hearts amend our ways, that Your Gospel would not be hindered in its proclamation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson: Revelation 22:17-21

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

CHORAL ANTHEM **Shelter In the Storm** **By Joel Raney**

SERMON **"Finding the Tree"**

SERMON HYMN "Red Book" 172 **Praise to the Lord**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation;
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustain eth:
Hast thou not seen How thy desires have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper they work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen Sound from his people a gain:
Gladly for ever adore him.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Heavenly Father, in Jesus, You have made the Church on earth to be one Body. You make no distinctions and desire a relationship with all people.

C: Help us to see all people as those for whom Christ died on the cross.

P: When we strive and work, seeking to justify ourselves before this world and before You, and often preventing us from the receiving the freely given life that is lived in Jesus,

C: Rekindle our faith and trust in You and in the work Christ alone has accomplished, that we can live in joy and peace.

P: Guide and bless those who lead our nation, state, and community, and protect those who keep us safe both at home and abroad.

C: Grant them wisdom and courage to act as Your servants in this world.

P: In our sickness, sorrow, struggles, and pain, give us healing, relief and hope. Be with those we lift up to You by name, (especially.....) and those we lift up in our hearts (pause). In time of trial,

C: Give to them Your comfort, and sustain them and us to eternal life in Christ.

P: It is into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION

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.

CLOSING SONG (tune of Green Book 278)

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

Diverse in culture, nation, race,
We come together by your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground
Where hope and healing love are found.

God, let us be a bridge of care
Connecting people ev'ry-where.
Help us confront all fear and hate
And lust for pow'r that separate.

When chasms widen, storms arise,
O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong
To stand with those who suffer wrong.

God, let us be a table spread
With gifts of love and broken bread,
Where all find welcome, grace attends,
And enemies arise as friends.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to G od.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC