

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 2016

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER.....**Much like He did for Abraham and Sarah, announcing to them that they would have a son, and much like He did for Marth and Mary, teaching them what is ultimately necessary, the Lord enters into your midst today! Jesus is here! Your Savior is in this place, in this service of worship, in this house to feed you with the gifts of His mercy and to serve you with His forgiveness. As we gather together by His Word and Spirit, His service to us will change us as together we receive Him. His saving work will inspire us, once again, to depart in His peace and to serve others in His love.

**RINGING OF THE BELL.....**(We take a few moments in silence to prepare our hearts for worship)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING PRAISE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high.  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life,  
I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

#### CALLING ON GOD

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

**C: Amen**

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!

**C: How beautiful is the good news of Christ's salvation!**

P: The Lord's voice is reaching out into all the earth!

**C: Jesus' words bring us life as we trust in Him!**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, beginning with a time for silent prayer.

*(In a time of silence, we reflect on our great need for Jesus' saving work.)*

P: With confidence in Christ, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Merciful God, You never fail to come to us by Your Word and Spirit. Your Word alone gives life, but we are distracted from receiving and obeying Your Word. In our thinking, speaking, and doing, we have done what Your Word forbids, and we have failed to do what Your Word commands.**

**Thank You for being a wonderful Father and a merciful Savior! Bring us again to the foot of Jesus' cross that we may receive the forgiveness we so desperately need. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for Jesus' sake, He forgives you all of your sins. I announce God's grace to you in this forgiveness—your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 225 (Twice)

I Love You, Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,  
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear;  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### PRAYER FOCUS OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....Lord God, knowing You is the one thing needful for life and salvation. Grant us willing hearts to receive what You have to give that we may serve others as You have first served us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10 *The Lord appears to Abraham and Sarah and promises them a son*

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

### SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:21-29 *The Lord reconciles us and powerfully works in us*

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42 *Jesus speaks His Word in Martha and Mary's home***

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

**SERMON HYMN**

**This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
Ev'ry where I go.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
Ev'ry where I go.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me.....I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**SERMON**

**"Encountering Jesus"**

**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**  
**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER**

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

P: For all of God's children, both here at Peace and throughout the world, that we may be served and saved by Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

P: For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that we serve the One who has claimed us by His Word and Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

P: For the community that surrounds us, that the places we live and work be blessed by the grace of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

P: For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country, that the Mighty Fortress would be their rock and refuge, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

P: For all who suffer illness in heart, mind, and body (especially.....), that they receive the healing balm of God's mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

P: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in every type of need, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts. Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### **“Red Book” 246**

#### **What a Friend**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble any where?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who with all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

#### **“Red Book” 222**

#### **The Solid Rock**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seem to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

**“Red Book” 33**

**Come, Thou Fount....**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee, may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG**

**“Green Book” 221**

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

Sent forth by God's Blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,  
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

**DISMISSAL**

