
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2017

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER...*Remember where you're going. Of course, memory deals mainly with things in the past - where we've been already. Rarely are we told to remember something that has not happened yet, except when it comes to remembering plans for the future and our goals. Sometimes we lose sight of where we're going or what we are trying to accomplish. So occasionally we need to be stopped and reminded. When Jesus began to show his disciples His goal of suffering, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem, it went against every hope, expectation, and dream of His disciple Peter. "Far be it from You, Lord!" So, we too, need to be reminded that the Christian faith and life is not really about our successful living or glorious past. Our faith is about Jesus' cross and call to a blessed future. For this reason, it is important to remember where you're going!*

RINGING OF THE BELL

(After the ringing of the bell, in silence we prepare our hearts for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

WE CONFESS

P: Beloved, Jesus said, "Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Let us empty ourselves of our fears and failures, confessing our sins and asking God to fill us with His peace.

C: Far be it, O Lord, that I should not deny myself, take up my cross, and follow You. By Your cross and resurrection give to me Your forgiveness and assurance of new life by Your grace. Sin consumes me, for I am sinful from birth. Take away my selfish

desires and fill me with Your love. Help me proclaim Your love in loving service to others. Amen.

Silence for reflection

P: The Lord says, "If you return, I will restore you." Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have mercy.

P: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God. And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, Have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

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P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

*Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever,
Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun
his reign.*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us Pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads. We pray these things through Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BIBLE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

[Jeremiah 15:15-21](#)

[Jeremiah's complaint](#)

*O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of revelers,*

*nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."*

EPISTLE LESSON

[Romans 12:9-21](#)

[Marks of the true Christian](#)

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

SERMON HYMN: *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.
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, fam'ly all are we.
Let us walk with each other 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.

SERMON

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

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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. Lord God, we give You thanks and praise for Your whole creation but especially for Your grace by which You invite all sinners into Your saving presence through the cross and resurrection of Your Son. Give us all the power to turn in our sin so that we may receive Your glorious promised forgiveness and gift of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lead those called to serve us through positions of leadership in the government in order that we may live peaceably with all. Direct their words and ways to perform justice in punishing evil and praising good, especially in defense of the most helpless among us. Bless all industry and those who work, through whom You give us what we need for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayers for those near and dear to us who call out to You for relief, (including.....). Surround them with people of faith, good counselors, and compassionate caregivers. Use us and our resources to bring about the healing, dignity, and consoling they so desperately need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless the Philomath School District and all places of learning. We ask that You would watch over and guide those who teach and work in them. Grant Your wisdom in such measure that people may serve You honorably. We also ask that our lives may be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy. We pray these things through Your Son, Jesus.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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

"Rock of Ages"

TOSB 181

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me

Hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood,

From Thy riven side which flowed, be of

Sin the double cure, save me from its guilt and pow'r.

*Not the labor of my hands, can fulfill
Thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow, all for
Sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hands I bring, simply
To Thy cross I cling; naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless look to Thee for grace; foul, I
To the fountain fly, wash me. Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when my
Eyes shall close in death, which I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of
Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.*

"In His Time"

TOSB 98

*In His time (in His time), in His time (in His time),
He makes all things beautiful, in His time (in His time).
Lord please show my ev'ry day as you're teaching me your way,
That you do just what you say, in your time (in Your time).*

*In Your time (in Your time), in Your time (in Your time),
you make all things beautiful in your time (in Your time),
Lord, my life to you I bring; May each song I have to sing.
Be to You a lovely thing, in Your time (in Your time).*

BENEDICTION

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices,
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

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