

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

#### WELCOME

### OPENING BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: Lord, we simply confess to you that we are sinners, in our thoughts, words and deeds. We admit that at times we doubt whether you will provide for us as you say. We admit that we have questioned whether you will really be there for us in the future. At moments.....we become so stuck in our present challenges that we forget your promises. Help our unbelief, O Lord, and help us to your work in our lives.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Silence for reflection*

P: God knows the depths of our hearts and minds, he knows when we have questions, when we doubt. And he knows the hearts and minds of others who reject him as well. To them and us, he wants his message of forgiveness, grace and the gift of salvation to come across as clearly as possible. I am here today to announce God's grace for all. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE "Red Book" 135 Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne  
unto His own who His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.  
Majesty, worship His majesty,  
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....O God, you see how busy we are with many things. Turn us to listen to your teachings and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### Old Testament: Isaiah 44:6-8

*The power of the Lord is declared*

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.  
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.  
Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
And you are my witnesses!  
Is there a God besides me?  
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

### Epistle: Romans 8:18-27

*All of creation waits with eager longing for sons of God*

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*The Lord is coming to collect the harvest*

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**SERMON SONG "Green Book" 234 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast**

Almighty God, your Word is cast like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe this hold seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown, your quick'ning grace bestow,  
That all whose souls the truth receive its saving pow'r may know.

**SERMON**

**"Everything is Groaning"**

**Romans 8:22,23**

## WE SHARE OUR FAITH

**C:** I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us.....I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world. By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life.....I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service.....I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the word, the sacraments, and all that we do. Amen.

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

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**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 (sung, echo version, repeat after leader)

Our Father  
Who Art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy Kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth  
As it is in heaven  
Please give us  
All that we need  
And forgive us  
All our sins  
As we forgive  
Those who sin against us  
And lead us not  
Into temptation  
But deliver us

**From the evil one.  
Our Father  
Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Hallowed be thy name  
Hallowed be thy name.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### **“Red Book” 55    Great is Thy Faithfulness**

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

“Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love.

“Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

“Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord unto me!

**“Red Book” 119 Just as I Am**

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**BENEDICTION and Announcements**

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 HYMN**

**I Saw the Light**

**I wandered so aimless, my life filled with sin,  
I wouldn’t let my savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night,  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**Chorus:**

**I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

Just like the blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.