

**Order of Service**  
**Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Father's Day**  
June 21, 2020

*"With one mind and one voice glorify God the Father."*

Opening Hymn – *"God of our Fathers"*

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast,  
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,**  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

(P = Pastor C= Congregation)

### The Invocation

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

C: (sung) Amen.

### The Confession & Absolution

P: Our merciful Father, to You we confess our sins.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from You, Lord, in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, because of the obedience, suffering, and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Amen.

### The Prayer of the Day

P: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do. We ask for this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Hosea 5:15 - 6:6

*(When God's people no longer listen to him, he gives them their way and leaves them floundering in their own hopelessness until they repent. Even then, God does not seek the sacrifice of a quick, but eloquent, 'Forgive us, Lord.' Nor is he satisfied with love that disappears like the morning dew. God wants that loyal love that keeps him at the center of our lives at all times and in all places.)*

<sup>15</sup> I will go. I will return to my place until they admit their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will earnestly seek me.

<sup>6:1</sup> Come, let us return to the Lord. For he has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us. He has struck us, but he will bandage our wounds. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us. On the third day he will raise us up, so that we may live in his presence. <sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the Lord. Let us pursue knowledge of the Lord. As surely as the sun rises, the Lord will appear. He will come to us like a heavy rain, like the spring rain that waters the earth.

<sup>4</sup> What am I going to do with you, Ephraim? What am I going to do with you, Judah? For your faithfulness is like a morning mist, like early dew that disappears.

<sup>5</sup> That is why I cut them to pieces by means of the prophets. I killed them with the words of my mouth. The judgments against you go forth like the light. <sup>6</sup> For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings. (EHV)

Epistle Lesson: Romans 4: 18-25

*(Faith in God's promises is the golden thread that links believers of all ages to our Savior-God. Though Abraham was too old to sire a son, he believed that God could do everything he promised. In the same way, we believe that God has kept his word and done what is humanly impossible: he raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. Therefore we are justified by faith.)*

<sup>18</sup> Hoping beyond what he could expect, he believed that he would become the father of many nations, just as he was told: "This is how many your descendants will be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith, even though he considered his own body as good as dead (because he was about one hundred years old), and even though he considered Sarah's womb to be dead. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver in unbelief with respect to God's promise, but he grew strong in faith, giving glory to God <sup>21</sup> and being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

<sup>23</sup> Now the statement "it was credited to him" was not written for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us to whom it would be credited, namely, to us who believe in the one who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification. (EHV)

Congregational Response: (ELH 72 vs. 4)

From the cross Thy wisdom shining

**Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;**

From the cross forever beameth

All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

## The Confession of Faith – The Apostles Creed

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there 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.

## Children's Sermonette

Sermon Hymn: ELH 427 *“Let Me Be Thine Forever”*

Let me be Thine forever, Thou faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.

Lord Jesus, my Salvation, My Light, my Life divine,  
My only Consolation, Oh, make me wholly Thine!  
For Thou hast dearly bought me  
With blood and bitter pain.

Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.  
And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My Comforter and Guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.

Give me Thy constant blessing  
And grant a Christian death.

The Sermon: Matthew 9:9-13

*"It's Time for a Doctor's Appointment!"*

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector's booth. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Hymn: ELH 426 *"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"*

Jesus sinners doth receive;  
O may all this saying ponder  
**Who in sin's delusion live**  
And from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet His words rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here their ills have perfect healing  
Who with humble hearts believe  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray  
**No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;**  
Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Come, ye sinners, one and all,  
Come, accept His invitation.  
Come, obey His Gracious call;  
Come and take His free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

### Offering Prayer

### Prayer of the Church

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed truthfully to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country. Give the leaders of our local, state, and national government the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom, so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. Thwart the evil plans of

terrorists around the world.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord, be our helper.

P: Build up the homes of our land. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to each other and to Christian parenting. Give our children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

P: We thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility of providing loving protection and spiritual guidance to their families;

C: Heavenly Father, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will touch the lives of fathers, that You will strengthen them to stand firm in the faith in these difficult days;

P: Give them wisdom and courage to live in truth and righteousness.

C: Give Your strength and leading to fathers, so they will be shining examples of godly character and integrity to their families and co-workers.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us Lord, as we bring our private petitions to you.

Silent Prayer

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.



### The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn to you in His favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: ELH 233 vs. 1-4 (Tune CW 288)

*"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"*

The Gospel shows the Father's grace,  
Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That man might thus be justified.

It sets the Lamb before our eyes,  
Who made the atoning sacrifice,  
And call the souls with guilt oppressed  
To come and find eternal rest.

It brings the Savior's righteousness  
Our souls to robe in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release  
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

It is the power of God to save  
From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith, which firmly clings  
To all the treasures which it brings.