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# Peace

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**9:30am**

*(Please silence your cell phone)*

Gathering

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Gathering Music

**Come and Worship the Lord**

John Michael Talbot

**Bob Balsamo, baritone**

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them. Matthew 18:20

*(As the light of Christ enters the sanctuary, please stand as you are able and face the back of the sanctuary)*

## Christ, Be Our Light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

### Refrain

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. Refrain

3 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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*(Please be seated)*

### Gathering

P We gather for worship in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P “There is a Light that shines beyond all things on earth,  
beyond us all,  
beyond the heavens,  
beyond the highest heavens.  
This is the Light that shines in our hearts.” ~ Chandogya Upanishad

First Reading: **Ezekiel 33:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel;  
whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them  
warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall  
surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from

their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

From a Distance

Julie Gold

**Bob Balsamo, baritone**

Second Reading: **Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel Acclamation

Calm to the waves.

Calm to the wind.

Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”

Balm to our hearts.

Fears at an end.

In stillness, hear his voice.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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Gospel: **Matthew 18:15-20**

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

<sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, **so** that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the

church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

**Pastor Jeff Mikyska**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

1. Where two or three are gathered in the name of Christ,  
There we will know his presence, share in a love unpriced.  
He will be with us always, even to journey's end;  
Found in our humblest neighbor, served in both foe and friend.
2. Forward our path together, through a mysterious land,  
Darkened by our unknowing, fearful with rock and sand.  
Spirit of Christ before us, lead us through storm and night;  
Beacon of hope unfailing, draw us toward your light.

3. Spur us to seek each other, following the pilgrim way,  
And, if our footsteps falter, feed and sustain, we pray.  
Broken the bread you offer, shared is the cup you pour,  
Calling to true communion now and forevermore.
4. O loving Christ – companion. Bond us, that we may be,  
One in our common purpose, one in our loyalty;  
Strong for the weak and powerless, open to truth and pain;  
Daring to stand for justice, working to bring your reign.

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Apostles' Creed

P We confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

Offering Music

**All Glory Be to God On High**

Nikolas Decius, arr. Johann Christoph Bach

*(Please remain seated)*

Offering Response

- 1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
- 2 I've got the peace that passes understanding,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
I've got the peace that passes understanding,  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
- 3 I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

Text: George W. Cooke

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** “Peace does not mean an absence of conflicts; differences will always be there. Peace means solving these differences through peaceful means; through dialogue, education, knowledge; and through humane ways.”

~ Dalai Lama XIV

**C** **Forgive us. We have not always solved our differences in peaceful ways. Help us to learn to solve our issues peacefully.**

**P** We are forgiven. “Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is a beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is life, fight for it.”

~ Unkown

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Sharing of the Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*(Please share a greeting of peace with those around you.)*

*(Please be seated)*

## Prayers of the People

*The assisting minister will end each prayer petition with:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers will end with:*

**P** “It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

**C** **Amen**

Christ our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;  
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen

## Meal

**P** When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread with tax collectors, lawyers, rich elites, and poor peasants, he proclaimed that God's gracious love and abiding presence know no bounds. Through these occasions of sharing food, women and men experienced God, and shared in God's Kingdom. A Kingdom, where: all are welcome, worthy, and invited; lives are transformed ; and the fruits of God's gentle justice bloom throughout all Creation.

**C** **All people, including each of us, are invited to share in this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by the presence of God in this place.**

## The Words of Institution

**P** But we also recognize that not all people liked Jesus' ministry. In fact, for some people, it was scandalous. They said, "Look, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" As we know, Jesus' life became endangered. When his arrest seemed near, Jesus ate a meal in an upper room with the disciples. As he had done so many times before, he took bread and after having given thanks to You, Holy God, he broke it and gave it to the disciples, this time saying, "Do this to remember me." After the meal he shared wine, gave thanks, and said, "I will not drink from this cup again until I drink it with you in the Kingdom of God."

## The Lord's Prayer

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C** **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**

## Communion

- *Our table is open to all who wish to share in the sacrament.*
- *Non-communicating children and adults are invited to receive a blessing.*
- *Please kneel if you are able or stand at the communion rail.*
- *If you would rather have grape juice, a wheat wafer or a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion assistant know.*

Communion Music  
**My Young Life Hath an End**  
Jan Sweelinck

**Adagio cantabile**  
William Hayes

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Blessing after Communion

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

**C Amen**

*(Please turn and face the Light as it leads us out into the world)*

Sending

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*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**1** Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

**2** All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heave reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

**3** Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Benediction

**P** Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now  
and forever.

**C Amen**

Sending Forth the People of God

**P** "God did not burden the United States with a diversity of  
backgrounds, ideals and religions, he BLESSED America with  
them... and we in our diversity and differences are all in  
this together." ~ Rep. Emanuel Cleaver  
Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



*Sending Music*

**The Rejoicing (Music for the Royal Fireworks)**

G. F. Handel

The **altar flowers** are given by Jackie Kutina in loving memory of her brother Jim Kutina.

The **altar flowers** and **fellowship hour** are given by Tom Leetz in memory of his mother on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The worship folders are given by Jan Page in honor of Pastor Robert Linstrom's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The **radio broadcast** is given by LaVonne Whipple in memory of her son Michael.

Pastor	Jeff Mikyska
Organist	Michael Fetzer
Assisting Organist	Luke Engen
Assisting Minister/ Scripture Reader	Beth Quathamer
Communion Assistants	Bob Kappes, Ursula Digman Michael Hanneman
Ushers	Doug & Jan Riebock, Noel Borows
Greeter	Kris Benson

**Special Offerings**

**Altar Flowers: \$25**

\_\_\_ Nov 5      \_\_\_ Nov 19  
\_\_\_ Nov 12     \_\_\_ Nov 26

**Worship Folders: \$25**

\_\_\_ Sept 17    \_\_\_ Oct 8  
\_\_\_ Sept 24   \_\_\_ Oct 22

**Newsletter: \$60**

\_\_\_ Oct        \_\_\_ Nov

**Radio Broadcast: \$85**

\_\_\_ Sept 17    \_\_\_ Oct 8  
\_\_\_ Sept 24    \_\_\_ Oct 15  
                  \_\_\_ Oct 22

**Fellowship Hour: \$35 or bring**

\_\_\_ Sept 24    \_\_\_ Oct 1  
                  \_\_\_ Oct 8  
                  \_\_\_ Oct 15  
                  \_\_\_ Oct 22  
                  \_\_\_ Oct 29

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