COMMUNION SUNDAY

June 6, 2021
THE LORD’S DAY – Communion Sunday
June 6, 2021

PRELUDE: “For The Beauty of The Earth”

Pierpoint, "DIX", arr. Boyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOLO: “Softly and Tenderly”

Will Thompson
(Paul Frazer)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us come together with songs of praise in our hearts,
because of God’s unfailing love and faithfulness.
Even though we struggle with life’s issues, God’s mercy blesses us.

Let us come together with prayers of thanks in our hearts,
because God hears and answers our prayers.
Even though life is sometimes difficult, God’s strength blesses us.

Let us come together in reverent worship filling our minds,
because God’s faithful love endures forever.
Even though we are fragile people who sometimes feel lost and abandoned,
God’s love blesses us and never changes.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

We choose not to give in to fear even when we are threatened, we choose to believe in the power of love. We choose not to be led by despair, we choose to believe in the power of hope. We choose not to be blinded by cynicism, we choose to believe in the power of faith. In every time, in each place, with all people, may your resurrection rise up within us, and lead us to new, creative, healing choices. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI:

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:
CONCERNS and PRAYER REQUESTS
TIME OF SILENCE/PASTORAL PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE
MUSICAL RESPONSE

HYMN: “Take My Life and Let It Be”

(See Insert)

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Samuel 8:4-20

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SERMON:

“What Will We Decide?”
Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
STATEMENT OF FAITH (See Insert)
COMMUNION PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER
Sharing of the Bread (Eaten as we receive it)
Sharing of the Cup (we drink together)

(See Inserts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)
O God, we thank you for uniting us as seekers of your love, and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant in the days ahead... our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth, our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world, our hands which have held this bread and cup may be active in your service. Amen.

HYMN: “Be thou My Vision”

(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: “(Just) A Closer Walk With (Thee)”
Anonymous, arr. Boyer

***The Worship is over. The service begins.***
ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of John and Dot Raleigh Laukkanen on their anniversary by their daughters Judi McAuliffe, Elaine Brady, and Carol Malvesti.

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Take My Life and Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879
Melody by Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817

1 Take my life, and let it be Con-se-cr-at-ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im-pulse of thy love;
3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long-er mine;
4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas-ure store;

Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy-al throne.
Take my-self, and I will be Ev-er, on-ly, all for thee. A-men.
Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish
Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

In unison

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
4 High King of heaven, my victory won,

Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

CONSECRATION
Statement of Faith
We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being,
creates man in his own image
and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
he has come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues,
and races.

He calls us into his church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be his servants in the service of men,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
his presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.
June 6th Sunday  Sunday Service in the Church and online (Bethany Web Page)  9:30 AM

June 6th Sunday  Fellowship in Allen Parlor and outside  10:30 AM

June 7th Monday  Administrative Council Meeting  7:00PM
(Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Council Members by email)

June 14th Monday  Diaconate Meeting  7:00 PM
(Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Diaconate Members by email)

June 26th Sat.  Vaccination Clinic for COVID 19  10AM-2PM

Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman for providing this morning’s Worship Music

Please Keep the following people in your prayers.
Don’t forget to reach out with a card or a call.

Kimberly Beers-Powers  Tom Boyer  Family of Lois L. Brandes
Kevin Douglas  Pam and John Egan  Bill Ericson
Family of Eric James  Judi McAuliffe & Fam.  Dorothy Mersereau
Frieda Matthews  Harry Massey  Bob Goodnow
Bill & Carol Harding  Family of Dominic Paulo  Ava Piazza
Estelle Weinberger  Loraine Walsh  David and Jingjing Wang
Peter & Grace Wang  Michele Wilber  Family of Cutina Wright

And all of our at risk members during the COVID-19 crisis

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All prayer requests will go directly to the Minister’s email.
Kingship in the Old Testament is viewed in differing ways and is by no means seen as an absolute blessing. In this passage, we see that the demand for a king was originally born of a rebellious spirit. Samuel is to warn the people that if they have a king ruling over them then that will not work out well. A picture is drawn of a typical Middle Eastern ruler of the time, who will tyrannize and enslave them. Yet that is what the people choose: they want to be like the other nations around them.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

Israel’s Request for a King Granted
But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”
Mission Moment:

“I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on.”

— A.W. Tozor

FILL THE PEW!

SUNDAY June 6, 2021

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected in the Narthex. Items help to feed the needy in our local Community. All Donations will help stock the Interfaith Social Services food Pantry in Quincy.

REMINDER

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 6, 2021
Scholarship Sunday June 20, 2021

If you’re a Bethany Member seeking further education or study you’re eligible to apply.

Bethany 2021 Scholarship Applications Due
Sunday June 6, 2021

Call or email the Church office to have an application sent to you.
Children’s Worship Bulletin

Family Ties

Mark 3:20-35

Word Search Puzzle

N C M V F E D Y O Z R S L W W
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FAMILY  CROWD  CIRCLE  JESUS  DIVIDED
LAW     EAT     MOTHER  DISCIPLES  KINGDOM
HOUSE   BROTHER SEATED  TEACHERS  GOD

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
2. Parents and children; people descended from a common ancestor
5. A woman who has given birth to a child
7. A male with the same parents as someone else
8. A follower of Jesus

DOWN
1. A female with the same parents as someone else
3. A dwelling that serves as living quarters for one or more families
4. A large number people gathered together
6. To take in food

MOTHER DISCIPLE EAT HOUSE
FAMILY CROWD BROTHER SISTER
# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers.

|   | F | Z | I | X | R | K | S | W | G | A | J | O | H | P | L | Y | U | V | Q | T | C | D | M | E | N | B |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |

1. 11-24-7-17-7 ................................................................................
2. 13-12-17-7-24 ..............................................................................
3. 21-5-12-8-22 ..............................................................................
4. 23-12-20-13-24-5 ...........................................................................
5. 7-3-7-20-24-5 ..............................................................................
6. 26-5-12-20-13-24-5 ....................................................................... 
7. 1-10-23-3-15-16 .......................................................................... 
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Jesus and the Children


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