

July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE:

CENTERING PSALM

PSALM 32

Happy are the pardoned,
whose sin is canceled
in whom God finds
no evil, no deceit.

While I hid my sin,
my bones grew weak
from endless groaning

Day and night,
under the weight of your hand,
my strength withered
as in a summer drought.

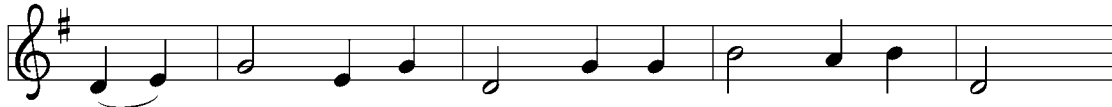
Then I stopped hiding my sin
and spoke out,
“God, I confess my wrong.”
And you pardoned me.

No wonder the faithful
pray to you in danger!
Even a sudden flood
will never touch them.

You, my shelter,
you save me from ruin.
You encircle me
with songs of freedom.

Rejoice in the Lord.
Be glad and sing,
you faithful and just.

GATHERING SONG: *How Firm a Foundation* (ELW 796)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

GREETING/ PRAYER OF THE DAY -*Del Benson And Laurie Berg*

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *We Praise You, O God* (ELW 870)



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE WORD: Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8 - Paul Anderson

¹The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

²For learning about wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,

³for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
righteousness, justice, and equity;

⁴to teach shrewdness to the simple,
knowledge and prudence to the young —

⁵let the wise also hear and gain in learning,
and the discerning acquire skill,

⁶to understand a proverb and a figure,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

¹My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;

²for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

³Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴So you will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

⁶In all your ways acknowledge God,
and God will make straight your paths.

⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

⁸It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

Word of God,
word of life.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands*
Hazel Baker, Ukulele and Voice

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Roger Steinke

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* (ELW 399)



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - *David and Lucy Kay Osborne*

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, care for all who are in need. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING ANTHEM

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER - *Thorin Freriks*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Lead Me, Guide Me* (ELW 768)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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