

THE NOON SERVICE

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

Community responses are in bold

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

*Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
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Help me to see*

*Open my ears, Lord
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Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

God of the prophets, you shame the strong through the weakness of love and turn upside down the wisdom of the world: may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward; through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized

into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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A Reading from the book of Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

All are welcome to share but please be respectful and appropriate. Please speak for yourself with awareness of the impact your words have on others. What is often shared in this community is vulnerable—we ask that you be respectful of not sharing other people's stories.

Examine your own assumptions and perceptions. Be sensitive to differences in communication and cultural styles. And remember: listening is a spiritual act.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Officiant: Hear O my people, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Officiant: This is the first and great commandment.

The second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

THE PEACE

Officiant: The Peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for our communities:

for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness;

Lord, you are in the midst of us:

help us in our time of trouble.

We pray for key workers: *for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for social workers, protecting the vulnerable; for care workers, providing contact and support to those who have no other help; for teachers, worrying about their charges; for farmers, delivery and shop workers, keeping the nation provisioned; for cleaners, fighting the spread of infection;*

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help us in our time of trouble.

We pray for the world: *for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering;*

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We pray for those who are sick: *for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer;*

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We pray for the Church: *for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for the Diocese of Southern Ohio; for our bishop, our clergy, our lay ministers, and all the people in their care; for our hospital and hospice chaplains; for all who minister to the sick and the dying;*

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We pray for those who have died: *for the victims of systemic racism; for all victims of gun violence; for the families they leave behind; for their friends who loved them; for those who have died alone; and for those who have no one to remember them.*

Lord, you are in the midst of us:
help us in our time of trouble.

We offer up our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows to God, our refuge and strength.

Lord, listen to our prayers, and hear the voice of our supplications, as we, who trust in your word, eagerly await your help: for you are the God of our salvation.

This we ask through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

God of compassion, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death or divorce and who are parenting their children alone. Give our fathers patience, humility, courage and kindness. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

And the blessings of God Almighty—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

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