

June 27, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

FOR YOUR MEDITATION

“Every storm is an opportunity to hold fast to our faith.”

We enter, never as strangers, but always as guests of God. If you come as a stranger, please know it is our intention you leave as a friend. No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, we welcome you this morning! May you experience God’s presence and receive the blessing God has prepared for you.

THE PRELUDE

A WELCOME IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

THE INTROIT

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST & PEACE CANDLES

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea?

People: **It is a mighty God.**

Leader: Who nudges us away from fear and toward faith?

People: **It is a caring God.**

Leader: Who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers?

People: **It is an ever-present God.**

ALL: **Let us worship this ever-present, mighty yet caring God.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (NCH- black) # 407 *“How Firm a Foundation”* vs 1,3,5

1. How firm a foundation for you has been laid, by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid! What more can God say than to you has been said, To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of woe shall not over you flow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, delivering you from your deepest distress.”

5. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION (unison)

O God, as we float upon the sea of Your spirit, with Your love as the wind that fills our sails, and we buffet life's storms braced by the peace of Your calming word, we praise You.

You are gracious to us amid the storms of life. We pray to open our ears to receive Your word, open our eyes to envision Your beauty, and open our hearts to be Your welcoming presence to all we encounter. With faith in each other we pray together as Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we use "sins")

"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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S LIVING WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament: Psalm 133 Lay Readers: Nadine Campbell, Enryce and Errington Henry

133 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing even life forevermore.

New Testament Mark 4: 35-41 Lay Readers: Nadine Campbell, Enryce and Errington Henry

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

SERMON: "Crossing to The Other Side"

HYMN (NCH black) # 441 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass ever be; Jesus Savior pilot me.

2. As a mother stills her child, you can hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey your will when we say to them, "Be still."
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus Savior, pilot me.

3. When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar,
Keeping me from peaceful rest, then, while leaning on your breast,
May I hear your words so true, "Fear not, I will pilot you."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE BRING GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"We covenant with God through our tithes and offerings"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need, and for the trust You place in us. We give that others in even greater need are not forgotten. We give that others will receive the good news of Your love. Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: "Peace! Be still!". It is with fresh calm and confidence that we ask You to accept our gifts, and bless now this morning's offerings, that we might do Your will in this place and others might live. Amen.

HYMN – (Black NCH) # 386 *“The Church’s One Foundation”* vs 1,3,4

1. The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are Christ’s new creation by water and the word; From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free; with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.

3. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war, we wait the consummation of peace forever more; to them, Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed, and the great church victorious shall be church at rest.

4. Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

SENDING OUT

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE-** (Black NCH) # 76 Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” vs 1

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God’s realm and to answer the call.

THE POSTLUDE

**The end of worship, the beginning of service.
Go forth and serve God gladly.**

* “We extend our spirits to God”

We Welcome all who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor and have no church home, we hope you find a home here. If you are “passing through,” we offer you God’s blessings as you continue on your journey and thank you for sharing with us.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Keeper of our lives,
You know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts.
You call Your people to faithful living.
Through the storms of life
that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter,
teach us to turn to You for all we need,
so that we may come to know Your presence
even in the midst of the trials that surround us. Amen.

LAY READER – Anyone wishing to share in the leadership of worship by reading the Scripture or bringing a children’s sermon, please sign-up on the appropriate list in the Parish Hall and speak with Dixie Silvestri.

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

June- Jack Sabine

July- Tim Anderson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*Sunday (27th) **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:00AM Morning Worship with Pastor MaryAnn Purtill

11:15AM Virtual Zoom Coffee Hour

1:00 PM Walking Group

*Monday (28th)

*Tuesday (29th)

* Wednesday (30th)

10:00 AM Fair Workshop

7:00 PM Handbell Choir

7:00 PM AA Meeting (In Fellowship Hall)

*Thursday (1st)

*Friday (2nd)

*Saturday (3rd)

*Sunday (4th) **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

FOURTH OF JULY

10:00AM Morning Worship with Pastor MaryAnn Purtill

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1:00 PM Walking Group

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