

Pentecost 13A
Online and Outdoor Worship Service
August 30, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* by: J. Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.

By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus.

By our example others may be led to lives of peace.

Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of summer sunshine and autumn harvest, be with us this day as we gather to encounter your word and your way for us. Remind us that we can place our trust in your eternal love. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. These things we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

HYMN *Crown Him With Many Crowns* by: M. Bridges & G. J. Elvey

Crown him with many crowns;

The Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing

Of Him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless king

Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;

Behold his hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above,

In beauty glorified;

No angel in the sky

Can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his burning eye

At mysteries so bright.

**Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and mercy, be with us this day. We have faltered in our service to you. We create divisions between various people; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make any attempt to understand. Our lives are in turmoil and we confess that we have turned away from you. It is fear and anger that too often surrounds us and our actions become based on those fears and anger. Slow us down, Lord. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus who loved and healed others who were rejected by "polite" society. Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope for those who feel alienated and lost; we are called to be a home to strangers; to quench thirst and to give nourishment; to welcome and bring words of hope. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ calls each of us into lives of service and hope. He equips us for these ministries and places us on the pathways of peace.

We will rejoice! We are called by God's Son and blessed by him. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:9-21

SERMON *Namasté and Paul* Rev. Dr. Thomas T. Peters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from: The Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humanity. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

Offertory: *Musetta's Waltz*
Prayer of Dedication

by. G. Puccini

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May our God of goodness be with you.

And also with you.

Offer your hearts to God and rejoice in hope.

We bring them to the One who blesses us with love.

Join in singing thanksgivings to the One who calls us to this feast.

We praise our God who feeds us with peace.

Reaching into your imagination, God of wonder,
you wove that community we call creation:

***your steadfast love swimming in the waters,
your joy teaching songs to the birds,
your peace placing stars in the skies.***

You made ready your guest room
for those shaped in your likeness,

***but we set our minds on sin's things,
wanting to walk down the road to death.***

You sent prophets to offer us your words
so that they might delight our hearts,

***but we would not even try a taste,
preferring to party with hypocritical temptation.***

You would not wash your sins of us,
but sent your Child into our world,
to be with us, to save us.

With all those who cling to goodness,

with those who long to live in harmony,
we sing aloud our thanksgivings:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God who knows us.
All creation rejoices in your hope.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who walks in integrity.
Hosanna in the highest!**

In Jesus, you walked faithfully
toward us, God of holiness,
so we might see your love
wherever and whenever we looked.

***In Jesus, you sat down with those
considered worthless in the world's eyes,
so we might feast on your words
of mercy and hope.***

In Jesus, you reached out
to pry us out of Wicked's hands,
to break Ruthless's grip on us.

***In Jesus, you showed us the cost
of delivering us, as he lost his life
so we might be saved by grace.***

Because we want to follow Jesus,
because we want to be your people,
we would proclaim our faith:

**Taking up his cross, Christ died for us;
overcoming death with life, you raised Christ from the grave;
Christ will come with the angels, to reveal your glory.**

Pour out your Spirit upon
the gifts of the Table,
and on the people being woven
into your community in this place.

***As we eat of the bread,
may we find that life of serving
the poor, the hungry,
the lost, the hopeless.***

***As we drink from the cup,
may we find the strength
to lose our selves***

***in sharing your peace,
in giving water to the thirsty,
in becoming friends with the oppressed.***

When this journey through life has ended,
and we gather in your house around your table
with those of every place, and of every time,
we will sing your praises forever,
God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Unison)

***God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

HYMN *O For A World* by: Sr. M. T. Winter, C. G. Gläser & L. Mason

***O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.***

***O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved.***

***We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.***

***The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise.***

***O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.***

CHARGE AND BENEICTION

POSTLUDE

Abide with me! Fast Falls the Eventide

by: S. A. Hofland

Today's written prayers are by Nancy C. Townley for the *ministrymatters.com* website. The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Rev. Dr. Thom Shuman for his website, *lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com*. The post-communion prayer is from the Church of England website, *churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship*.

Tatiana Akhounzianova is the church organist and pianist for these services. Our liturgist for today is Sue Hahn of the Meyersville Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Richter, Nina (Tatiana's Mother,) Kristin & Karin & Steve (Joyce Koenig), George Armenti III, Ann Ventura (Toni Hopcraft), B.J. Cardinali, Robin Schmidt, Sheryl Greife (Tom Parziale), Art Fletcher, Jennifer Moore (Veronica Moore), Bill Hurlock (Joyce Koenig), Ken Crawford (Jan Somers), Phyllis Clemson, Justin Byrnes (Tom Parziale), Bryan Hague, Al Wemuth (Paul & Sue Wermuth), Maryann (Leslie Beechner), Howard Boice – needs a kidney transplant (friend of Bill Hopcraft's), Nancy Walsh (Dawn Mackay), Vicky Sama (Joanne Sama), Jean Marie Dowling (Lore & Rich Pateman), Marge McKeever (Brooke Parziale's grandmother).

Birthdays

Susan Brodziak (Thursday, Sept. 3)
Tom Peters (Friday, Sept. 4)
Lynn Rosol (Sat., Sept. 5)