

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Worship Focus

**Powerfully Weak – Out with the Old, In with the New**



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Service of the Word

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## OPENING HYMN

405 - Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though  
2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -  
3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When  
4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor  
5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble  
neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of  
tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,  
heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean  
life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,  
grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,  
knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,  
can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,  
heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796-1877.  
Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877.

## INVOCATION

**Minister**        The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation**    **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**M** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C** **Amen.**



**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I  
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my  
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the



know, could nev - er be, For this heart would  
dark - ened heart and mind, Else the world had  
Fa - ther's bound - less love, Praise the Lamb, our



still re - fuse you Had your grace not cho - sen me.  
yet en - thralled me, To your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind.  
ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and King en - throned a - bove.



You re - moved the sin that stained me, Cleans -  
Now I wor - ship none a - bove you; For  
Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion, Him



ing me to be your own; For this pur - pose  
your grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,  
by whom our spir - its live, Un - di - vid - ed



you or - dained me, That I live for you a - lone.  
if I love you, You, O Fa - ther, loved me first.  
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789-1855, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaudlicher Musicalischer Christen-Schutz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray. O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON Job 38:1-11

God's words to Job reveal a powerful God who is to be feared, loved and trusted above all things. As with Job, we trust God's Words of promise in distress.

<sup>JOB 38:1</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup> "Who is this that darkens my counsel  
with words without knowledge?"

<sup>3</sup> Brace yourself like a man;  
I will question you,  
and you shall answer me.

<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?  
Tell me, if you understand.

<sup>5</sup> Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!  
Who stretched a measuring line across it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its footings set,  
or who laid its cornerstone--

<sup>7</sup> while the morning stars sang together  
and all the angels shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup> “Who shut up the sea behind doors  
when it burst forth from the womb,

<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment  
and wrapped it in thick darkness,

<sup>10</sup> when I fixed limits for it  
and set its doors and bars in place,

<sup>11</sup> when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;  
here is where your proud waves halt’?



# PSALM

# Psalm 46

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**Those on the pulpit side sing the first line of each verse. Those on the baptismal font sing the second line. All sing refrains and Gloria.**



(Pulpit) God is our ref | uge and strength,\*  
(Font) an ever-present help in | trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth give way\*  
and the mountains fall into the heart | of the sea,  
though its waters | roar and foam\*  
and the mountains quake with their | surging.

## Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit | y of God,\*  
the holy place where the Most | High dwells.

God is within her, she | will not fall;\*  
God will help her at | break of day.

“Be still, and know that | I am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth.”

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

## Refrain

## SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Even as Job, in a day of distress, asked God for a day in court, so God also gives the world its day in court... and the results? “Reconciled!”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore’er proceeds,  
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessed, holy Trinity, Hear our praise eternally. (270:3)**



## GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

The disciples had distress different from that Job experienced, but their source of comfort was the same – God’s Word and promises.

MARK 4:35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.”<sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.<sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.<sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HYMN OF THE DAY

384 - By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound - less;  
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior,  
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise  
 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble,  
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing;



My soul, be - lieve and doubt it not, Why wa - ver  
 Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be -  
 When you are by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan  
 In trib - u - la - tion's fur - nace tried— By grace, de -  
 In Je - sus' prom - ise I re - joice. For though I



at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er  
 cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your  
 plagues your trou - bled con - science, And when your heart is  
 spite all fear and trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is  
 know my heart's con - di - tion, I al - so know my



false - hood taught? So then this word must true re -  
 soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a -  
 seek - ing rest. What rea - son can - not com - pre -  
 o - pen wide. Where could I help and strength se -  
 Sav - ior's voice, My heart is glad; all grief has



main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.  
 lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne,  
 hend God by his grace to you did send.  
 cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?  
 flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709-61, abr.; tc. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697-1775, alt.

## **SERMON**

2 Corinthians 5:21

### **God's Great Exchange**

1. He became what He was not
2. So that we might become what we are not

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to Him whose Word the very winds and waves obey and before whose mighty work the morning stars sang together for joy.

*Brief silence*

For all pastors, missionaries and church workers, that as servants in God's employ, they would proclaim the day of salvation and God's help; that they would put no obstacle in anyone's way; that their hearts would be open wide in Christ to those they serve, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an increase in vocations to the ministry, that God would raise up workers for His harvest fields, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, our governor, our city mayor and all those who make, administer and judge our laws, that God would remember them in mercy and strengthen them in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the unemployed, the lonely and abandoned, and all who feel swamped by the storms of life, that God would sustain their faith through their troubles; that He would work in us to provide love and care; and that Christ's Word would bring them peace and chase away all fears, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, that God would bless them with grace for healing and strength according to His will, and that He would comfort the grieving and the dying, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a renewed zeal in seeking out those who have absented themselves from this family of faith, that we would be faithful brothers and sisters, calling them home with us to the Father, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful departed, let us give thanks and praise, asking that we would be brought with them into that place where there is no more fear, no more death, but only light and life in Christ forevermore, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

The  
LORD'S  
Prayer

SERMON HYMN

376 - Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a  
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -  
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in  
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -  
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for  
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a  
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul— was shed.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made,  
all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
Your boundless mercy has for me,  
For me and all your hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.



IN CHRIST GOD WAS  
RECONCILING THE  
WORLD TO HIMSELF.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

## PRAYER

**M** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

**M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



# CLOSING SONG

By Faith

*The congregation is invited to sing along with the small group.*

1 By faith we see the hand of God in the light of ere - a - tions grand de -  
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their  
3 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap -  
4 By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the  
5 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -

sign in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness  
hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand  
pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news  
vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

7 who walk by faith and not by sight. 1. 3. 2. 4. 5. Refrain We will  
a place where peace and jus - tice reign.  
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth.  
in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the name.  
for all who call up - on His

10 stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our  
soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*