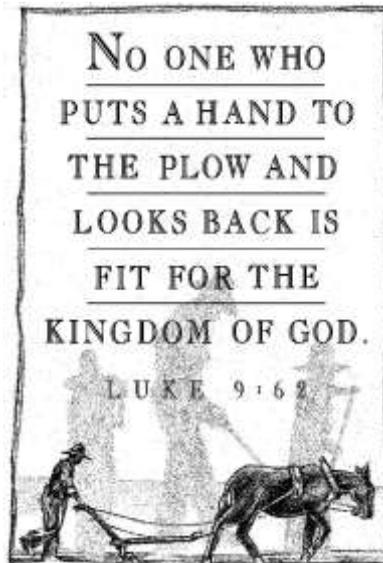


# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 2016

## Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER FOLLOWS CHRIST... Followers of Christ  
understand the call for total commitment.**



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Service of the Word

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## OPENING HYMN

463 - Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our  
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -  
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and  
help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



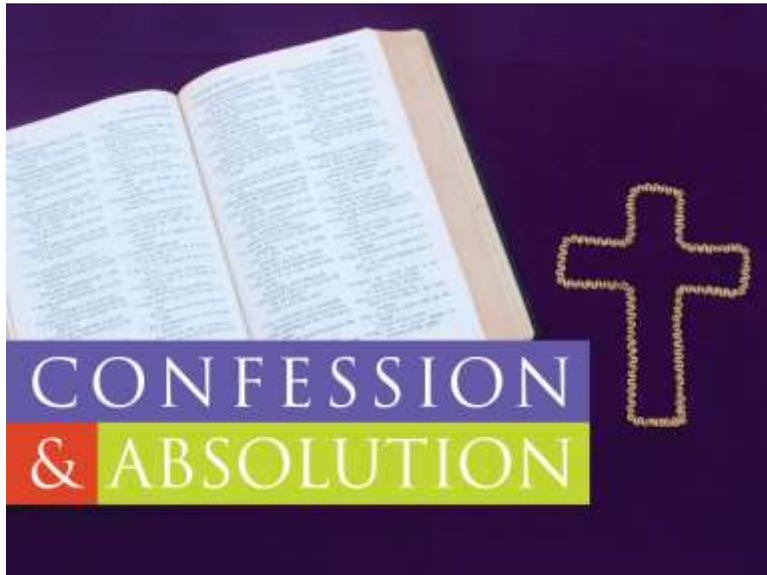
vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95, alt.  
Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716, alt.

## 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.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

1 Praise to you and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve your own cre - a - tion,  
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing

Came to share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I  
Be with me through - out my life. Give me great - er

nev - er may From your fold or pas - tures stray,  
love for you, And my faith and hope re - new

But with zeal and joy ex - ceed - ing  
In your birth, your life, and pas - sion,

Fol - low where your steps are lead - ing.  
In your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1643–1703; tr. composite.

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray. O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 1 Kings 19:14-21

Elisha becomes Elijah's successor. Elisha answered the all or nothing call of God with total commitment by burning his oxen and plow.

<sup>14</sup> 1KINGS 19:14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

<sup>15</sup> The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>17</sup> Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. <sup>18</sup> Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel--all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

<sup>19</sup> So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup> Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

<sup>21</sup> So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

# PSALM

# Psalm 62

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My soul finds rest in | God alone;\*  
my salvation | comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal | vation;\*  
he is my fortress, I will never be | shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in | God alone;\*  
my hope | comes from him.

## *Refrain*

Though your rich | es increase,\*  
do not set your | heart on them.

My salvation and my honor de | pend on God;\*  
he is my mighty rock, my | refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O | people;\*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our | refuge.

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 Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

We are called to leave behind our life of sin and not look back to it. Rather, we serve one another in love.

GALATIANS 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. <sup>14</sup> The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup> So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. <sup>17</sup> For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending.  
Oft in adversity I know not where to flee  
When storms of woe my soul dismay; I pass through trials all the way. (431:2)**

## GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

Following Christ is all or nothing—it calls for total commitment.

LUKE 9:51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them, <sup>56</sup> and they went to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

<sup>59</sup> He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But the man replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

<sup>61</sup> Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family.”

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HYMN OF THE DAY

469 – Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a  
 5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and  
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and  
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -  
 be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79.

Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

No. 434. *Take My Life and let it Be.*

FRANCIS R. HAVERGAL. W. A. MOZART, arr. by H. P. MAIN.

1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to Thee;  
 2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee;  
 3. Take my mo - ments and my days, Let - them flow in end - less praise;

## **SERMON**

Luke 9:51-62

### **“Direct Us to What is Right in YOUR Sight...”**

1. ... as we show patient love for our neighbor.
2. ... as we give priority to our love for you.

## **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

**M** In the name of the Lord Jesus and on the sure foundation of the prophets and apostles, let us pray for God's continued blessing upon us and all people.

*Brief silence*

**M** For the Church, that all those who belong to Jesus, who have been set free from the slavery of sin and death through faith in His Gospel, would be led by His Spirit to crucify their flesh with all its passions and desires and use their freedom to love one another in true peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For all the messengers of Christ in the world, that having set their hand to the plow, they would not look back but preach the kingdom of God; that by the voice of His Gospel, the Lord, our God, would reveal Himself to His people and preserve them in the faith and worship of His name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For the president and Congress of the United States and all others in authority, and for all who work for peace, justice, health and protection, that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ would grant them wisdom by His Word and Holy Spirit; that we also might serve Him without fear within our callings and walk before Him in justice and truth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body or estate; for those who travel, and for all who are in danger; for the homebound and hospitalized, and for all who have no house or home on earth; [*especially...*], that the Word of the Lord would come to them and comfort them in all adversity; that He would save them from destruction and grant to them His peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For all those who have not received and do not know the Son of Man, that our Lord God would call them to repentance, free them from their error and, to the glory of His name, bring them into the faith and fellowship of Christ, their Savior, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Hear us, O Lord, the God of hosts, in these our humble requests which we offer unto You in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.**

## SERMON HYMN

770 - O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To  
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The  
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On  
 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -  
 truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
 roads they'd nev - er trod To  
 mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For  
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The  
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The  
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To

ven - tures bold and new: Grant  
ways of God re - vealed: In  
near - er reign of God: Send  
whom the saints be - long: Though

us to hear your call To  
struct us now, we pray, By  
us on ways where faith Tran -  
gen - er - a - tions pass, Our

risk se - cur - i - ty And,  
your em - pow'r - ing Word.  
scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
trib - ute still we bring, Our

bound in heart and will to you, Find  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our

per - fect lib - er - ty.  
light, their life, their Lord.  
life and min - is - try.  
lives an of - fer - ing.

*This hymn leads us to consider the cost of discipleship and to pray for Jesus' guidance and strength to fulfill his will.*

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Tune: TERRA BEATA (66 86 66 86) English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930

## 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 HYMN

474 – Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of  
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The trum - pet call  
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! Stand in his strength  
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The strife will not



the cross! Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It  
 o - bey; Forth to the might - y con - flict In  
 a - lone. The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye  
 be long; This day the noise of bat - tle, The



must not suf - fer loss. From vic - t'ry un - to vic -  
 this his glo - rious day! Ye that are brave, now serve  
 dare not trust your own. Put on the gos - pel ar -  
 next, the vic - tor's song. To him that o - ver - com -



t'ry His ar - my shall he lead Till ev - 'ry  
 him A - gainst un - num - bered foes; Let cour - age  
 mor; Each piece put on with prayer; Where du - ty  
 eth A crown of life shall be; He with the



foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
 calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
 King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield Jr., 1818-88, abr., alt.  
 Tune: Wrens (76 76 D) George J. Webb, 1803-87.

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

