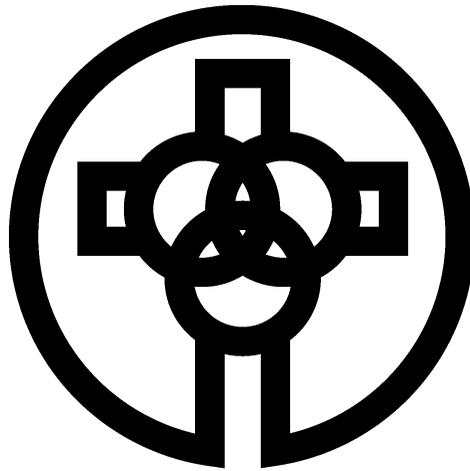


# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2020

## Worship Focus

**The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time: Reconciliation**



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*with God*

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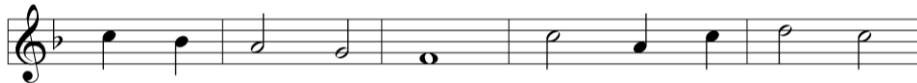
✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

227 – Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon -  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To



an - gels round the throne. Ten thou - sand thou - sand  
be ex - alt - ed thus." "Wor - thy the Lamb," our  
or and pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than  
bless the sa - cred name Of him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.  
lips re - ply, "For he was slain for us."  
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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

Lord, all my prayers ascend to you:  
Disperse my sins as morning dew,  
Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
And with your light my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might  
In your sole glory may unite. (582:3,4)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



✘ The Word ✘

## FIRST LESSON

Exodus 19:2-8a

*God's saving acts toward Israel motivated them to respond to God.*

EXODUS 19:2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ <sup>7</sup> These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. <sup>8</sup> The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

## PSALM 100

All People that on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mer - cy  
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise  
aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth  
joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the an -



forth - tell; Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.  
al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:6-11

*God reconciles! We rejoice!*

ROMANS 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and  
leav - ing your Spi - rit till the work on earth is done.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

*The compassion of Christ leads him to send his disciples out on a mission trip.*

MATTHEW 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

<sup>10:1</sup> He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

346 - In You Is Gladness

1 In you is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness,  
2 If he is ours, We fear no pow - ers,

Je - sus, Sun - shine of my heart. By you are  
Not of earth or sin or death. He sees and

giv - en The gifts of heav - en; You the true  
bless - es In worst dis - tress - es; He can change

Re - deem - er are. Our souls are wak - ing; Our bonds  
them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry Tell of

are break - ing. Who trusts you sure - ly Has built se -  
his glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly And stands for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -  
joic - es In him for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -

ia! Our hearts are pin - ing To see your shin - ing,  
ia! We shout for glad - ness, Win o - ver sad - ness,

Dy - ing or liv - ing To you are cling - ing  
Love him and praise him And still shall raise him

Now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: IN DIR IST FREUDE (PM) Giovanni G. Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Romans 5:6-11

### “Reconciliation” Means Saving Us is Personal

#### 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.**

## OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT and MUSICAL OFFERTORY

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us draw near to the Lord's throne of grace and pray as He has commanded us, trusting in the Lord to hear the prayers of His people and answer our petitions according to His mercy.

*Brief silence*

Grant health, wisdom and integrity to all in authority over us, especially to the president of the United States, the governor of this state, the Congress, all legislative bodies, and all judges and magistrates. Endow them with Your Spirit and with respect for Your Word, that they would serve Your good pleasure for the maintenance of righteousness and the punishment of wickedness so that we all may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness. According to Your gracious will, turn the hearts of our enemies and make them to walk with us in humility and peace.

Grant to those in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death or any other adversity the healthful Spirit of Your grace for healing, strength, comfort and relief. Bless especially those who suffer for the sake of Your name and Your Word. Hear us on behalf of (\_\_\_\_\_ and) those we name in our hearts. Give them courage to stand firm in their afflictions and patience until the day of Your deliverance.

Preserve us from pestilence and every evil. Give to us favorable weather and cause the fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season and offer You praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness to us. Lend Your blessing to all honorable vocations and honest industry, that we may serve where our skills and abilities may be of good use. Bless the arts and music, that we may please You and be encouraged by all that is good, right, true and beautiful.

All these things for which You would have us ask of You, we pray You to grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom we are bold to call You Father and in whose name we pray, trusting in Your mercy and confident that You will give answer to our prayers; 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.**

### SERMON HYMN

393 – If Your Beloved Son, O God



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had  
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De -  
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; Now  
 4 All right - eous - ness by works is vain; The  
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid On



not to earth de - scend - ed And in our  
 spair no more reigns o'er me. No more am  
 all my sor - row ceas - es. His words a -  
 law brings con - dem - na - tion. True right - eous -  
 Christ, your Son, my Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus,



mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's pow - er  
 I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has borne sin  
 bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from guilt re -  
 ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is my sal -  
 you my debt have paid And gained for me God's



end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of  
 for - me. Up - on the cross for me he -  
 leas - es. Free grace through him I now ob -  
 va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri -  
 fav - or. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of



died In hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine  
 mine That, rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide  
 tain; He wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain,  
 fice, Has paid the all - suf - fi - cient price;  
 grace, The good in me to you I trace;



Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.  
 With you, my God, for - ev - er.  
 And pure I stand be - fore him.  
 In him my hope is an - chored.  
 In faith and hope pre - serve me.

## 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

745 - May the Peace of God

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -  
ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
ing, And this grace which makes us what we  
Son,  
are, And the fel - low - ship of God the  
And this fel - low - ship of his Com -

Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his  
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in

*Refrain*

love.  
heart. And to him be praise for his

glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the

heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of

kings.

2 May this kings.

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But God demonstrates

His own



LOVE

for us in this:



While we were still sinners,

CHRIST

died for us.



Romans 5:8

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