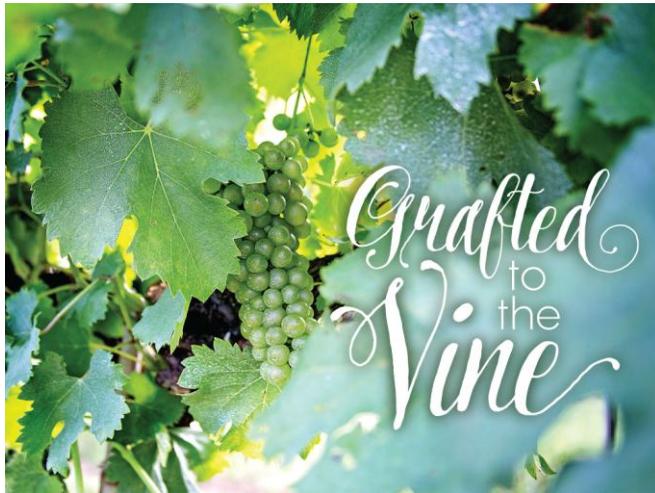


# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Worship Focus

The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time: Grafted



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## ✠ Gathering ✠

**OPENING HYMN**

512 - Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds  
2 Make un - to them his glo - ries known,  
3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons  
4 Oh, teach them with all dil - i - gence  
5 To learn that in our God a - lone



Which God per - formed of old,  
His works of pow'r and grace,  
And they a - gain to theirs  
The truths of God's own Word,  
Their hope se - cure - ly stands,



Which in our young - er years we saw,  
And we'll con - vey his won - ders down  
That gen - er - a - tions yet un - born  
To place in him their con - fi - dence,  
That they may ne'er for - get his works,



And which our fa - thers told.  
Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
May teach them to their heirs.  
To fear and trust their Lord,  
But walk in his com - mands.

**INVOCATION AND PRAYER**



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

## ✠ The Word ✠

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah

56:1, 6-8

*Isaiah is called the Evangelist of the Old Testament. Listen to his prophecy concerning the stretching out of God's Kingdom to nations other than Israel.*

ISAIAH 56:1 This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice  
and do what is right,  
for my salvation is close at hand  
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD  
to serve him,  
to love the name of the LORD,  
and to worship him,  
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it  
and who hold fast to my covenant--

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and give them joy in my house of prayer.  
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;  
 for my house will be called  
 a house of prayer for all nations.”

<sup>8</sup> The Sovereign LORD declares--  
 he who gathers the exiles of Israel:  
 “I will gather still others to them  
 besides those already gathered.”

**PSALM 133/134**

Blest Be the Tie

That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual  
 4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain And sin we



Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each  
 bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and  
 shall be free And per - fect love and



kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, abr., alt.  
 Tune: BOYLSTON (SM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:13-15,

28-32

*Paul carried out a ministry to the Gentiles, but also hoped that his work might bring his own people back into the family of God.*

ROMANS 11:13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry<sup>14</sup> in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them.<sup>15</sup> For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup> As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs,<sup>29</sup> for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.<sup>30</sup> Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience,<sup>31</sup> so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you.<sup>32</sup> For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-

28

*Jesus tests the Canaanite woman and finds faith among the Gentiles.*

MATTHEW 15:21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.<sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."<sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.<sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."<sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



HYMN OF THE DAY

402 - My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a -  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me  
 faint - ing heart; My zeal in - spire! As thou hast  
 round me spread, Be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness  
 sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way;  
 died for me, Oh, may my love to thee  
 turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,  
 then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;



Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!  
 Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
 Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

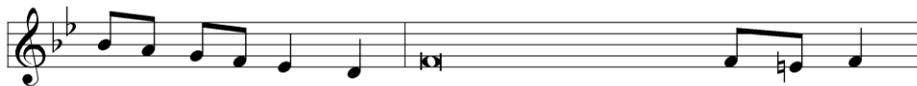
Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.  
 Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

✠ Sermon ✠  
 Romans 11:13-24, 28-32

**Free to Answer Objections**



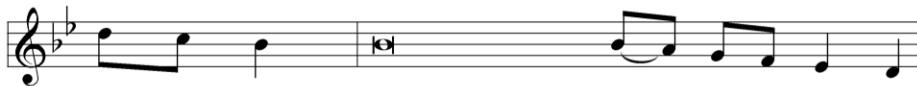
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



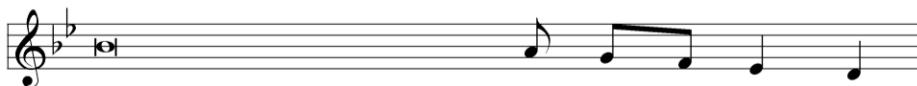
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



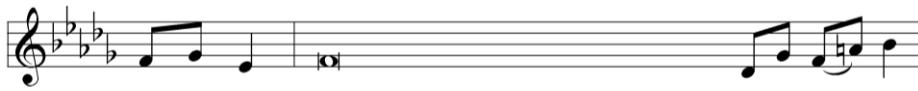
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.



## OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT and MUSICAL OFFERTORY

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.  
**We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**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**

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.

**PRAYER AND BLESSING**

**M** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.



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Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

**CLOSING HYMN**

542 - Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to  
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your  
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their



you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to  
Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and  
sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns



serve you, Lord, They go to share your  
make them strong, To heal sin's ills, to  
what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,



liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -  
right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and  
Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment



claim That all may know your sav - ing name.  
wave, And might - y is your arm to save.  
seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.  
Tune: MELITA (888 88 88) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

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