

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 1, 2021 Worship 10:00 am

We request that you wear a mask. Thank you helping to keep our community safe.

First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag. **Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are on the back tables. **Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able. The bold type is spoken by the congregation.

PRELUDE

"Meditation"

(from Cantata #21)

by J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in a basket by the doors.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

<u>One:</u> No matter what we do, God loves us just the way we are, our flaws and imperfections. Bless the Lord

<u>All:</u> Our Lord is gracious and kind, compassionate and forgiving. Bless the Lord.

<u>One:</u> When we are grumpy and impatient, the Lord looks after us. Bless the Lord.

All: When we are hungry God feeds us. Bless the Lord.

<u>One:</u> God knows our every need and the desire of our heart. Bless the Lord. <u>All:</u> Come let us Worship our Lord and our God.

*HYMN #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

John Hughes

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (in unison)

Kim Seamans

You hold nothing back from us, Amazing God, yet we are determined to cling to what we have accumulated. We hunger for more than just food in our lives and yet we cannot feel the deep ache our hunger for you causes. You invite us to set aside our old ways, and walk with you, but unknown paths fill us with fear.

Have mercy on us, Bread of Heaven. We come to the Table of grace and hope, not for our personal satisfaction, but for the joy of recognizing the One who calls us to new life, and for the grace to share this joy with everyone we meet. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

<u>One:</u> Do not be afraid. More than else, God would rather turn muddy swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of distrust into cords of compassion, unfaithful into servants.

<u>All:</u> God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life. With God all things are possible. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY "Manna" (Holy Spirit, Light Divine) by Richard Purvis

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me Breath of God" Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Alleluia, Give the Glory" by Bob Hurd and Ken Canedo

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine (sing 3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine (sing 3x)

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (sing 3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine....

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that

looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 'Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the

bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Are You Hungry?"

Chris Rhodes

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION INVITATION TO THE TABLE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh, you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small. Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom.

Here you continue to call your people, to be a sign of your reign in all the world. For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us.

And so, with your people in every land on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Above all we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who sends us into the world to declare the good news of your kingdom to

every creature: Justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. We remember and proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread, and the sharing of this cup. Renew our fellowship in him, that we may be for the world his body poured out for the world at this time in this nation, and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation where justice flows like rivers, righteousness like an everflowing stream, where no one shall hunger or thirst, neither shall they learn war anymore.

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and ever more. Amen.

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HYMN#527 "Eat This Bread"

Jacques Berthier, 1984

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Christ and never be hungry. Eat this bread drink this cup, come to Christ and you shall not thirst!

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying: (The Lord's Prayer).

THE LORD'S PRAYER

<u>All:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion: speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent; save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:

still let thy Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light: walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and deep despair, from sin and guilt: we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain: we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Andantino"

by Eugene Gigout



Flowers are donated by Ellen Marks in honor of Harry's 77th birthday.

Preacher: Commissioned Ruling Elder, Chris Rhodes

Liturgist: *Ellen Marks*

Music: Althea Wright, Myles Ellis, The Chancel Choir

Technology: Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Bajun Mavalwalla, Nico Wycoff

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PRAYER REQUESTS Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the death of their loved ones

- * The family of Shirley Walton as they mourn her passing on July 7, 2021.
- * The family of Betsy Yeager as they mourn her passing on July 4, 2021.
- * The family of John Iodence as they mourn his passing on June 10, 2021.
 - *The family of Luu Maxwell as they mourn her passing on May 7, 2021.

A Memorial for Gwen Christiansen will take place on Sat., Aug.28th at 2 p.m.

Those with health issues

Bill Beaumont
Patrick Butler
Tony Burille
Peggy Call
Doreen Cowden
Pat Currier
Dick Draper
Sam Gomes
Michele Hare
Phil Henry
Marilyn Hilen
Janice Holmes

Maryann Iodence
Carolyn Kenworthy
Margret Kram
Vivian Mazeski
Jessica Morse
Spencer Nguyen
Nancy Pinney
Lynette Randerson
Rosa Rosillo
Pamela Sage
Bob Simmons
Susan Smith

Sharon Sorani
Susie Vela
Kay Vick
Bob Weber
Jill White
Roger White
Helen Wikle
Betty Witchey-Ryer
Avery Yudice

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.