

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG**

*What A Friend*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

I invite you to pray as we enter a time of confession and forgiveness. God of healed relationships, we confess that we don't always trust your promises of abundant life and presence with us. We tend to rely only on what we can accomplish to give us hope and security. Out of scarcity thinking, we hoard what we have. Out of fear, we put up walls between ourselves and anybody who is different than us in any way, thinking that diversity of body, thought, or politics will somehow destroy our community. But these walls are what destroy community. Give us grace, forgive us, stir your Spirit up in us, and help us to be healers of relationships too. Amen.

Beloved, we know that God is always forgiving, renewing, and resending us. Thanks be to God! Rest your weary hearts in the hope of God's love.

**SONG**

*Stand in Your Love*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of compassion, you love us so deeply and want only what's best for us. Pour your love into our hearts, that overflowing with joy, we will go out to freely share the good news of life in your kingdom. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**A READING FROM EXODUS 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

### **A READING FROM ROMANS 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### **A READING FROM MATTHEW 9:35--10:1, 5-8, 16-20**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for 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 laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

<sup>16</sup>“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Amy Stewart**

**SONG**

***I Will Follow***

## **A NEW CREED – UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYERS**

**P:** Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

**P:** Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*God IS our peace. Receive that peace and share peace with one another.*

## OFFERING

*Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuing support to our ministry during this time.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## BENEDICTION

**P:** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

***Send Me Out***

## DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Vocal Leaders:** *Worship Band*

**Musician:** *Gail and Josh Brecht, Jason Fulbright, Kathy Irwin, Jimmie Miller, Christian Saia*

**Video & Audio:** *Brandon Wade & Andrew Leach*

