June 28, 2020 • Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,
C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

OPENING SONG ***Rise Up, O Saints of God!*** **#669**

Rise up O saints of God
From vain ambitions turn
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
With nobler zeal might burn

Speak out O saints of God
Despair engulfs earth's frame
As heirs of God's baptismal grace
The word of hope proclaim

Rise up O saints of God
The kingdom's task embrace
Redress sin's cruel consequence
Give justice larger place

Give heed O saints of God
Creation cries in pain
Stretch forth your hand of healing now
With love the weak sustain

Commit your hearts to seek
The paths which Christ has trod
And quickened by the Spirit's pow'r
Rise up O saints of God

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING FROM JEREMIAH 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

5 The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the
people who were standing in the house of the LORD; 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May
the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place
from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. 7 But listen now to this word
that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets who preceded you
and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great
kingdoms. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true,
then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

R: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM ROMANS 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

12 Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer
present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those
who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of
righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you
not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one
whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
17 But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the
heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18 and that you, having been set free from
sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of your natural
limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and
greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.
20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So what advantage did
you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. 22 But
now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification.

The end is eternal life. [23]For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM MATTHEW 10:40-42

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] [40]"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. [41]Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; [42]and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Josh Brecht**

SONG ***Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*** **#719**
(Verses 1, 4, 5, 6)

Where cross the crowded ways of life
Where sound the cries of race and clan
Above the noise of selfish strife
We hear your voice O Son of Man

The cup of water giv'n for you
Still holds the freshness of your grace
Yet long these multitudes to view
The strong compassion in your face

O Master from the mountainside
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain
Among these restless throngs abide
Oh tread the city's streets again

Till all the world shall learn your love
And follow where your feet have trod
Till glorious from your heav'n above
Shall come the city of our God

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

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

P: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuous 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.

CLOSING SONG *This Is My Father's World* **#824**

This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass
He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world
Oh let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad
The Lord is king let heaven ring
God reigns let earth be glad

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

DISMISSAL

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

SENDING MUSIC

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