

August 9, 2020 • 10th 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.

HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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**God of tempest God of whirlwind
As on Pentecost descend
Drive us out from sheltered comfort
Past these walls your people send
Sweep us into costly service
There with Christ to bear the cross
There with Christ to bear the cross**

**God of blazing God of burning
All that blocks your purpose, purge
Through your church Christ's living Body
Let your flaming Spirit surge
Where deceit conceals injustice
Kindle us to speak your truth
Kindle us to speak your truth**

**God of earthquake God of thunder
Shake us loose from lethargy
Break the chains of sin asunder
For earth's healing set us free
Crumble walls that still divide us
Make us one in Christ our Lord
Make us one in Christ our Lord**

**God of passion, God unsleeping
Stir in us love's restlessness
Where the people cry in anguish
May we share your heart's distress
Rouse us from content with evil
Claim us for your kingdom's work
Claim us for your kingdom's work**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING FROM 1 KINGS 19:9-18 (Jamie)

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM ROMANS 10:5-15 (Jamie)

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM MATTHEW 14:22-33 (Amy)

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Amy Stewart

Eternal Father strong to save
Whose arm has bound the restless wave
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep
Oh hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea

O Savior whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard
Who walked upon the foaming deep
And calm amid the storm didst sleep
Oh hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea

O Holy Spirit who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude
And bid its angry tumult cease
And give for wild confusion peace
Oh hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea

O Trinity of love and pow'r
All trav'lers guard in danger's hour
From rock and tempest fire and foe
Protect them wheresoe'er they go
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns and praise from land and sea

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, 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: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; 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.

HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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**My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation
I catch the sweet though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation**

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing*

**Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing**

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing*

What though my joys and comforts die
The Lord my Savior liveth
What though the darkness gather round
Songs in the night he giveth

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart
A fountain ever springing
All things are mine since I am his
How can I keep from singing

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

Vocal Leader: *Jamie De Geer and Rob Peglar*

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