

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020

Gathering

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"

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Minister: To those gathered in hope, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.
Jude: 1: 1-2 adapted

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

Liturgist: And also with you.

Minister: Let us worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: How long, Lord? How long, Lord?

Liturgist: Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Liturgist: Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes....
Psalms 13: 1-3 adapted

Silent confession and lament

Singing: 637 "Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)"

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6: 22-23 adapted

Liturgist: Lord God, I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise for he has been good to me. *Psalms 13: 5-6*

Singing: 407 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him, you'll find him always there beside you to give you hope and strength within; for those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

Only be still and wait his pleasure in cheerful hope with heart content. He fills your needs to fullest measure with what discerning love has sent; doubt not our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own.

Sing pray, and keep his ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully, and trust his word; though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be. God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

Liturgist: Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Matthew 22: 37-40 NRSV

Proclamation

Singing: 852 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure, taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure; pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive, not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

Scripture: Genesis 22: 1-14

Sermon: "Living Proof"

Poem: "Abraham and Isaac" Marilyne Chandler McEntyre

He really meant to do it.
All it took was an angel's merest touch
to stop him, but the boy's hands
were tied, the father's fingers
wrapped around his jaw
(perhaps to smother him — one paltry act
of mercy before the fatal slice?).
What kind of God would require
such appalling fidelity?
What kind of father could bear
to imagine the blade
leaving its trail of red
in the tender skin of a throat
no beard has covered?
What would it take?
What must be the magnitude
of a love that would go this far?
The look in Abraham's eye
is crazed. The angel's message
relieves him (though all his life
some madness will haunt him,

and Sarah will follow his steps
with darkened eyes).
You don't have to do this
any more. Another father
will take your place
Another son will be led to slaughter.
The promise will be fulfilled,
Israel's seed will be planted.
Let him grow old and die.

Singing: 443 "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

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?

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

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?

Dedication

Prayer

Singing: 959 "Glory Be to the Father"

Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in
the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Benediction

Worship Leaders

Organist/Pianist/Vocalist:	Dora Diephouse
Liturgist/Vocalist/Prayer:	Dave & Sally Larsen
Liturgist/Vocalist/Flutist:	Russ & Lynn Hollender
Poetry Reading:	Dan Diephouse
Minister:	Roger Nelson
Sound Engineer:	Schuyler Roozeboom

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