

September 6, 2020

Pentecost 14
Morning Prayer with Communion

The congregational responses are in **bold italic** print.
Please join us in saying the responses.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Just As I Am

Hymn 693

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."
Isaiah 57:15

The people remain standing.

Song of Praise

Behold Our God



1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hand, bear - ing all the



ev - 'ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion
an - y of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,



ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His
all His won - drous deeds?
ris - en now to reign!



throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com -



-pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!

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The people sit.

Psalm 30 (Please pray responsively by whole verse, men pray the odd number & women pray the even number)

1. I will magnify you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up, and have not let my foes triumph over me.
2. O Lord my God, I cried unto you, and you have made me whole.
3. You, Lord, have brought my soul out of the grave; you have saved my life from among those who go down to the Pit.
4. Sing praises unto the Lord, O you saints of his; and give thanks unto him for the remembrance of his holiness.

5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his pleasure for a lifetime; heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
6. In my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved; you, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong."
7. You turned your face from me, and I was distressed.
8. Then I cried unto you, O Lord, and came to my Lord most humbly.
9. What profit is there in my bloodshed if I go down into the Pit?
10. Shall the dust give thanks unto you? Or shall it declare your faithfulness?
11. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me. O Lord be my helper.
12. You have turned my lamentation into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness.
13. Therefore shall my heart sing of your praise without ceasing. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto you for ever.

The Lesson

2 Kings 5:1 – 3, 14 – 27

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Children's Sermon

Jesus Taught About Possessions (Luke 12)

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

"How We Live as Believers"

The people stand.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, *grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

In Peace we pray to you Lord,*

**The people are encouraged to pray aloud their intercessions and thanksgivings.*

Church locally & universally.....*

Nation & the world.....*

Westshore region.....*

Those who suffer and those in any need or trouble....*

Those who have died in Christ.*

For all the blessings of this life.*

The Confession and Absolution

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, *most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Alyssa Whalen	9/6	Anton Hewko	9/9
Mason Hewko	9/6	Adele Torok	9/12

Anniversaries:

Harry & Karen Huhndorff	9/8 (58 yrs)
Gary & Nancy Sabath	9/8 (58 yrs)
Greg & Marie Tench	9/15 (20 yrs)

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

(Ephesians 6:17-18)

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Preparing the Table

Offertory

Please stand.

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us with way of everlasting life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. ***Amen.***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and have been baptized are welcome to receive Communion at Christ Church. If you have not been baptized, or do not desire to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for prayer with one of our ministers. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available at the small table by the windows.

After Communion

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, ***we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

The people stand.

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Hymn 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovering the Real Jesus beginning Sept. 13! – This Fall, Christ Church will launch a 8-week series entitled “Discover the Real Jesus” by Becky Pippert. Each week, following the sermon, every Little Church will use the book as a study guide to discuss the text in detail. Our goal this fall is to develop a deeper love for Jesus, or to fall in love with Jesus all over again! As that occurs in our hearts, Becky’s book will equip us to use the Bible in sharing our faith to the unbelievers around us! Join the leadership in praying for this Church-wide initiative. Please contact Gene with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE – Ellie Andrew loved sewing, knitting, needle point and quilting. On Saturday, October 3 from 12:30-3:30 pm, all of her fabric, yarn, quilting supplies, sewing machines, a quilting machine and much more will be on sale in the parking lot of Anchor Church. Please make sure to stop by and check out our sale! All proceeds will benefit the Andrew family. Please call the office with any questions.

Community Bible Study (CBS): Our warm fellowship welcomes you! CBS Cleveland West Class is a women's interdenominational Bible study with a pre-school program available to registered class members. Our classes are ONLINE this year, due to COVID-19 and we are so grateful for the wonderful technology that allows us to come together in small groups online to see each other's faces, talk to one another and joyfully fellowship around God's Word! The online sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. beginning after Labor Day and running through early May. This year, the class will study The Book of John. The cost for the year is \$35 and you will receive study books from the ministry that are covered in these costs. If you are interested in participating, we would love to hear from you! For more information, visit www.communitybiblestudy.org or contact Katherine Zawtockik at zawtockik@gmail.com or Stacey Litzler at Litzpr@aol.com.

OUR FALL 2020 SCHEDULE

KICK OFF SUNDAY – On September 13th, we will begin phase 2 of our reopening with a few changes. Our Sunday service schedule will return to: **8:00 AM**, Communion Service, **9:30 AM** Morning Prayer with Communion, and **11:15 AM** Morning Prayer with Communion. We continue to ask you to wear your masks and sing “reservedly” as we worship together at a service maximum of 50 people.

CHILDCARE BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER – A modified KidCat will resume for the year at the 9:30 AM service with the children in grades Kindergarten – 5th grade beginning the service with their parents, leaving during the Sequence Hymn for a “Children’s Chapel Kid Cat; and then return at the Peace. The **Nursery will be open** for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers up to 4 years old. Toys will be used by one child only then placed in the “to be cleaned bin” and will be sanitized in between the 9:30 and 11:15 services.

At the 11:15 service – The nursery will also be open as a Cry Room for infants, toddlers, and preschool up to 4 years old. We will continue a “Children’s sermon” at 11:15 AM for those families who prefer to sleep in and come later in the morning.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE – Our Thursday evening service 7:30 PM (Evening Prayer w/ Communion) will continue as a constant presence in our lives to accommodate families that have travel sports commitments on Sundays, as well as those families who will be travelling over the weekend. **While Sunday Lord’s Day Observance is the ideal, we are attempting to work with the 2020’s lifestyle of American families to assist them to live into their profession of faith.**

WEDNESDAY SERVICES – Our weekly Communion service in Auburn Hall (Bay Presbyterian) at 10:30 am will remain the same.



Sermon Text: 2 Kings 5:1 – 3, 14 – 27

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." ¹⁶But he said, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord. ¹⁸In this matter may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon your servant in this matter." ¹⁹He said to him, "Go in peace."

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him." ²¹So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" ²²And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.'"

²³And Naaman said, "Be pleased to accept two talents." And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. ²⁴And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. ²⁵He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." ²⁶But he said to him, "Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants, and female servants? ²⁷Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So, he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

