

**July 11, 2021 Worship**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome**

**Songs:** *You Are My King; Be Unto Your Name*

**Call to Worship:**

L: Come, people of God, and give thanks to the God who claims you!

C: We have been blessed in Christ.

L: Once we were far off,

C: But now we have been brought near.

L: Once we were strangers and aliens,

C: But now, in Christ, we have become one family.

L: The Spirit is calling; can you hear it?

C: We will walk with humility, bearing with one another in patience.

L: There is only one body, one God who unites.

C: We will speak the truth in love. Come, Holy Spirit!

L: Be strong in the Lord and the strength of God's power.

C: The Spirit will keep us standing firm.

L: Pray at all times, keep alert, and persevere.

C: And speak boldly the hope we have in Christ!

L: As one body of Christ, we worship together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**A: Amen!**

**Songs:** *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever; Your Name*

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 1:1-14

**Children's Message**

**Message:** *Up to Something*

**Songs:** *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in one God, the father the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten of the Father, God from God Lord, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Offering**

Generous God, you have given us everything, and at no cost to ourselves. Turn us likewise toward the world, offering our gifts of time,

resources and presence, as a sign of your love and faithfulness. Amen.

## **Confession**

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Loving God,

C: You have offered us the world and yet we turn to our own distractions, believing we know better. We have not lived as your beloved children, born of one spirit, and belonging to one family.

Instead we cut ourselves off from what is unfamiliar, intimidating, or different. Forgive us for our limited vision. Forgive us for not trusting in you and your promise to never give up on us. Amen.

L: We have been adopted into God's family, an identity which cannot be taken from us. God is love, God is patient, God is merciful. We owe eternal thanks to the lover of our souls for continually reaching for us and holding us fast in an embrace of forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times

and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and call to mind that on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

You are invited to sit at the family dinner table with all of God's children: the human race. God sets a place and pulls out a chair—you have only to sit and receive the blessings offered here! Come now, for all is ready and your brothers and sisters are waiting.

## **Communion**

**Song:** *The Potter's Hand*

## **Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

C: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Ministry Opportunities**

## **Blessing**

It is time to go out and share God' holy purpose which we experience in and through Christ Jesus. Share that holy purpose with others by the way you live: with the words on your lips, by the deeds of your hands, with the prayers in your minds, and through the love in your hearts.

The enduring love of God will support you, the grace of Christ will redeem you the presence of the Holy Spirit will accompany you, this day and ever more. We leave this time of worship in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

**A: Amen!**

**Song:** *Your Grace Is Enough*

## **Dismissal**

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Next Sunday:** Ephesians 2:11-22

*A few questions to consider throughout the week ...*

- What is Paul's agenda with his letter to the Ephesians?
- Who has God claimed for redemption?
- Who is God acting through?
- What is God up to?