

WEEPING MAY
TARRY FOR
THE NIGHT,

BUT

joy
COMES
WITH

THE MORNING.

PSALM 30:5, ESV

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy God, we are gathered to meet with you this morning. Open our hearts to the many ways you will speak to us. As you did with the prophets, you call us out of our everyday lives to share your message of love and grace. Challenge us today to look within ourselves so that we may be your disciples. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Justin Little

J. Payne

INTROIT

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Stacey McAdams

One: God calls us to worship today.
ALL: *We are here!*
One: All are invited - the sick, the well, the believer, and the doubter.
ALL: *We are here!*
One: Wash us, O God! May we be cleansed by your holy love.
ALL: *We are here! Let us worship God!*

*HYMN: 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: When we walk from darkness into the light we can see ourselves as we really are. We see the spots of sin more clearly, and we realize that we need God's healing and redemption. Come and confess your sins to God and wade into the river of the Healer's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: God of Grace and God of Glory, we confess that we lose sight of our identities, finding our worth in our status, our demographic, or even our location.
ALL: *Forgive us of our idolatry.*
One: Forgive us for placing our worldly identities above your love for us. *(continued)*

ALL: *Forgive us for when we get distracted by elaborate rituals, holding ourselves superior, simply due to our place of birth.*

One: You, O God, are the source of our identity.

ALL: *You, O God, call us to love our neighbor.*

One: You, O God, call us to be different!

ALL: *May we swim in your healing waters, resting in the fullness of being children of God. Amen.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

Many: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

***HYMN: 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

RESTORATION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

ACT OF PRAISE

Rejoice!
Chancel Choir

J. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Stacey McAdams

FIRST READING

Psalm 30:1-12 (pg. 505)

Elder Stacey McAdams

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING

2 Kings 5:1-14 (pg.336)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *The Confession of 1967*) *Elder Stacey McAdams*

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Elder Stacey McAdams

OFFERTORY

He Leadeth Me

D. Wood

Justin Little

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Elder Stacey McAdams

***HYMN: 475** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

SENDING

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

D. Wood

Justin Little