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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2023

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Lord, we want to follow you wherever you lead. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power that we may faithfully be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

OPENING SENTENCES (from Psalm 50)

Rev. John White

One: The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

ALL: *Our God comes and will not be silent, and the heavens proclaim God's righteousness, for God is a God of justice.*

PRELUDE

Allegro Pomposo
Joey Moore, trumpet

Purcell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

ALL: *Remember that our God is the only God—the One who made us,*

One: *the One who sustains us, the One whose Spirit lives within us.*

ALL: *Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving; and come into God's presence with praise. For God is good, with unfailing love that lasts forever, and faithfulness that extends to all generations.*

*HYMN: 485 *We Know That Christ is Raised*

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PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people.

For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,

ALL: *Forgive us, we pray.*

One: For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,

ALL: *Grant us mercy, O God.*

One: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,
ALL: *Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.*
One: For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,
ALL: *Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.*
One: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us,
ALL: *Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (*from Romans 10:9-13*) *Rev. Courtney Bowen*
One: Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, we may ask Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven.
ALL: *Thanks be to God! ALLELUIA! AMEN!*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven** **WE ARE FORGIVEN**
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Rev. John White*

***HYMN: 820 Nothing Can Trouble** **NADA TE TURBE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121 (*page 571*) *Rev. Courtney Bowen*
One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Romans 5:1-11* (page 155)

Rev. John White

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.

SERMON

The Centre Cannot Hold

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY

Prayer of Saint Gregory

Hovhaness

Joey Moore, trumpet

*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

Rev. Courtney Bowen

SENDING

***HYMN: 730** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

POSTLUDE

Allegro ma non troppo

Purcell

Joey Moore, trumpet