



**THEN GOD  
OPENED HER  
EYES AND SHE  
SAW A WELL  
OF WATER.  
SO SHE WENT  
AND FILLED THE  
SKIN WITH WATER  
AND GAVE THE  
BOY A DRINK.**

GENESIS 21:19

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 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

**OPENING SENTENCES** (*Psalm 118:24 & 107:2, 31*)

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**ALL:** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice;

**ALL:** *for the steadfast love of God, give thanks!*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

## PRELUDE

*Hymn Prelude on AMAZING GRACE*

Martin

Dr. Terry McRoberts

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP + OPENING PRAYER

*Rev. John White*

One: God cares for us completely and calls for our total commitment.

**ALL:** *Christ gave his life that we might live and calls us to give our lives to him.*

One: Through Christ we have died to sin; in Christ we are fully alive to God.

**ALL:** *Come, let us worship God.*

One: Let us pray. God of the covenant, your compassion reaches beyond the mere making and keeping of promises.

**ALL:** *Teach us to listen to one another with your heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

CWM RHONDDA

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Hear our cries to you, O Lord: for our lack of compassion toward the poor,

**ALL:** *have mercy on us;*

One: for our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on Earth,

**ALL:** *have mercy on us;*

One: for our disbelief in your power to make us whole,

**ALL:** *have mercy on us;*

One: for making war,

**ALL:** *have mercy on us;*

One: for mistrusting your Word,

**ALL:** *have mercy on us;*  
One: for all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts,  
**ALL:** *have mercy on us;*  
One: Forgive us and renew us.  
**ALL:** *Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace. Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (*Lamentations 3:22-23*) *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: God who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us. Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out from the wastelands of sin. Death cannot bind us, for the risen Christ sets us free. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**ALL:** *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

ACT OF PRAISE

*My Eyes are Dry*

Green

Macey + Noah Berry, duet

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN: 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

PRECIOUS LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Rev. John White*

**FIRST READING** *Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (page 544)*

*Rev. John White*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**SECOND READING** *Genesis 21:8-21 (page 17)*

*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.*

SERMON

*What Troubles You?*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

## RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

*Rev. John White*

*We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.*

*But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.*

*We deserve God's condemnation.*

*Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.*

**OFFERING**

*Rev. John White*

**OFFERTORY**

*Andante maestoso*

Purcell

Dr. Terry McRoberts

\*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

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**\*COMMUNION HYMN 509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## SENDING

**\*HYMN: 837** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SHOWALTER

**\*CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**POSTLUDE**

*Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN*

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Dr. Terry McRoberts