



WE HAVE THIS
treasure
IN JARS OF CLAY TO SHOW
THAT THIS
ALL-SURPASSING
power
IS FROM GOD AND NOT
FROM US.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7, NIV

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 2, 2024

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy God: you welcome those who are modest and loving. Help us to give up pride, serve neighbors, and humbly walk with your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

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.*

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Stan Brunner

Don Hustad

CHORAL INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Congregation + Chancel Choir

Lemmel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Gracious God, may we honor your name, not by paying it lip service, but by trusting the vision of which it speaks.

ALL: *May we honor it by following you, and enabling your light to shine in our lives.*

One: May we love in your name,

ALL: *speak in your name,*

One: and care in your name.

ALL: *May we embrace the outcast, feed the hungry, remember the sick,*

One: visit the imprisoned, clothe the naked, and give water to the thirsty,

ALL: *in your name, that your name might be glorified. Teach us the holiness of your name.*

*HYMN: 641 *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsive)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Merciful God, the gift of Jesus' life in us should be visible in the ways we live. Yet, so often we live for ourselves and not for you.

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit in me. (Ps. 51:10)
ALL: *By desiring instant results to most things these days, we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient. We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others because we run out of time to be kind to those other than ourselves.*

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and and put a new and right spirit in me. (Ps. 51:10)
ALL: *When we persistently make self-centered decisions rather than Christ-centered ones, our understanding of your goodness and faithfulness is weakened and our discipleship lacks credibility.*

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and and put a new and right spirit in me. (Ps. 51:10)
ALL: *In this aggressive world, it's easy to believe one can't get anywhere by exercising a spirit of gentleness or self-control.*

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and and put a new and right spirit in me. (Ps. 51:10)
ALL: *Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love so that we may truly care for one another. Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit so that we are fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (2 Corinthians 5:17) Rev. Courtney Bowen
 One: Hear the good news: Those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.
ALL: *All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled through Christ. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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** Rev. Courtney Bowen
 One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

ANTHEM Tallis
Tallis' Canon
 Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Anna Poole

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

***HYMN: 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation** NETTLETON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 18:1-6* (pg. 720)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

NEW TESTAMENT READING *2 Corinthians 4:5-12* (pg. 181-182)

Rev. John White

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jars of Clay

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Herbert Colvin

Stan Brunner

*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: 634** *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***CHARGE + BENEDECTION**

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDECTION

Go Now in Peace

Sleeth

Chancel Choir

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Rev. John White

POSTLUDE

Diademata

Alec Wyton

Stan Brunner