

*We are still in this world
but we are no longer of it.*



*We are still surrounded by all
the horrors and tragedy of this life,
but this is not our life.*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 9, 2024

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *God of Power: you work for good in the world, and you want us to work with you. Keep us from being divided, so that when you call, we may follow single-mindedly in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

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

Rev. John White

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 + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

VBS PRAISE

Standing on the Promises
VBS Kids

Carter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Come, let us worship the One who lifts up the weak --

ALL: *And makes them grow strong.*

One: Come, let us adore the One who shelters the orphaned --

ALL: *And quiets their pain.*

One: Come, let us worship the One who brings back the shunned --

ALL: *And welcomes them in.*

One: Come, let us adore the One who touches the cursed --

ALL: *And fills them with love.*

Let us gather to love the One who embraces our broken bodies and forgotten spirits, who retrieves our abandoned worlds and forsaken dreams. Come, let us love!

Let us worship our God!

*HYMN: 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: God of unfailing mercy, we acknowledge Christ as the unshakable foundation of our lives.

ALL: *His constant love, his insistent call, and his enduring presence among us, free us to bear his light into the darkest corners of the world.*

One: Yet even as we acknowledge Christ as our foundation, we still strive to have our own way in life.

ALL: *We do not sacrifice as Christ did.*

One: We do not love unconditionally, as Christ did.

ALL: *We do not seek your will in every corner of our lives, as Christ did.*

One: Hear our Prayer, O God. Forgive us when we focus our lives on the things of this world.

ALL: *Forgive our reluctance to be your servants, O God, and declare again and again your words of mercy, until they echo resoundingly in the darkest reaches of our soul. Through Christ we pray, Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Nowhere in creation can we escape the boundaries of God's grace! God is present in our greatest joy, and upholds us in our deepest sorrow! Through the grace and power of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: *Thanks be to God, who redeems us! Thanks be to God, who changes our lives, and makes us new! Through the grace of God, we are forgiven! 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.

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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

ANTHEM

Do Lord, Remember Me

arr. McDonald

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Anna Poole

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

*HYMN: 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:6-9* (pg. 685-686)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Mark 3:20-27* (pg. 37)

Rev. John White

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

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Crazy Like a Fox

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional*)

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 aisle 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

There Is a Fountain

Herbert Colvin

Stan Brunner

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

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: 172** *Blest Are They* (verses 1, 3, 5)

BLEST ARE THEY

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Sleeth

Chancel Choir

(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

Let All Things Now Living

Lloyd Larson

Stan Brunner