

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6th 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Bells: Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship

One: We look to the rulers of this world

All: for leadership, wisdom, and strength.

One: We look to family and friends

All: for love, compassion, and hope.

One: When rulers betray, and when families disappoint,

All: God offers another look. God will guide us.

One: God's Spirit will sustain us.

All: Christ will welcome us home.

One: Come, sisters and brothers, let us worship,

All: for we are all God's family now.

Hymn 370 *This Is My Father's World* (vrs. 1 & 2)

TERRA BEATA

Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers, we know what it is like to be rejected, but we also remember turning our backs on others. We have been drawn into conflict, but have also brought pain to the lives of loved ones. With sorrow in our hearts, let us confess our foolish lives and sinful acts to the God who longs to forgive us – on this day, and every day.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess

that we have not been faithful to you.

You show us your wisdom,

but we prefer to go our own way.

We have placed earthly powers ahead of you.

**We have relied on the idol of wealth
instead of your generosity and abundance.**

We have given in to fear,

following human authority

instead of your commandment

to love one another.

Forgive us for turning our backs on you,

even as you continue to reach out in love to us.

**Forgive our selfish ways,
and call us into your way of love, mercy, and peace.
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

from 2 Corinthians 4:15-16

Beloved of God, do not lose heart. God longs to show us mercy and grace abundantly! When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Response

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

First Reading Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God in the middle of the garden's trees. ⁹ The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ The man replied, "I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself."

¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

¹³ The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?!"

And the woman said, "The snake tricked me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the snake,

"Because you did this,
you are the one cursed
 out of all the farm animals,
 out of all the wild animals.
On your belly you will crawl,
 and dust you will eat
 every day of your life.

¹⁵ I will put contempt

between you and the woman,
between your offspring and hers.
They will strike your head,
but you will strike at their heels.”

Sharing Faith with the Younger Church

Anthem

Second Reading Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. ²¹ When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, “He’s out of his mind!” ²² The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, “He’s possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons.” ²³ When Jesus called them together he spoke to them in a parable: “How can Satan throw Satan out? ²⁴ A kingdom involved in civil war will collapse. ²⁵ And a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. ²⁶ If Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he can’t endure. He’s done for. ²⁷ No one gets into the house of a strong person and steals anything without first tying up the strong person. Only then can the house be burglarized. ²⁸ I assure you that human beings will be forgiven for everything, for all sins and insults of every kind. ²⁹ But whoever insults the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. That person is guilty of a sin with consequences that last forever.” ³⁰ He said this because the legal experts were saying, “He’s possessed by an evil spirit.” ³¹ His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. ³² A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, “Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you.” ³³ He replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” ³⁴ Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers. ³⁵ Whoever does God’s will is my brother, sister, and mother.”

Sermon The Family You Make

Responding to the Word

Hymn 697 *Take My Life (vrs. 1 & 6)* HENDON

Affirmation of Faith Church Creed

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Catching a glimpse of goodness and beauty...

...we sing our songs of thanksgiving to you:

Hymn 592 Holy, Holy, Holy SANCTUS (Vasile)

You are holy, God of hope and forgiveness...

...forever and ever, triune God-in-Community, Holy Lord;

Hymn 564 Amen AMEN (Schubert)

Sharing the Feast

Prayer after Communion

Dedicating our Gifts

Let us continue to worship the Lord through our gifts of talents, tithes, and ourselves.

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Charge & Benediction

Blessing

Postlude