

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

## June 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

## Gathering Around the Word

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Call to Worship

*from Psalm 92*

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**All: to sing praises to God's name, the Most High;**

One: We declare God's loyal love in the morning,

**All: and God's faithfulness by night.**

One: The righteous will grow in strength, nurtured by God's care;

**All: The Lord is our rock and our happiness.**

One: For the Lord's acts have made us glad;

**All: at the works of God's hands we sing for joy.**

One: Let us worship the Lord our God!

Hymn 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling vrs. 1 & 2*

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

*from 2 Corinthians 5:17*

When we gather to worship, we are reminded that we are God's people. Yet we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting that God's power has made us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Almighty God, we confess**

**that we have turned from your ways**

**and listened to the false wisdom of the world.**

**We confess to seeking profits over people;**

**loving institutions over relationships;**

**and ignoring the poor and the oppressed.**

**We have clung to ideals and principles from the past  
instead of understanding the newness of your creation.**

**We have not cared for the earth you made for us,**

**but have misused the resources you gave us.**

**Forgive us. Call us back into your ways.**

**Guide us to listen, and to return**

**to your path of justice and mercy,**

**caring for the earth and for one another.**

**In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*from 2 Corinthians 5:7, 17*

We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news: if anyone is in Christ, they are part of a new creation. Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that cleanses us of our sin. Sisters and brothers, hear and believe this wonderful news:

**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

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**Prayer for Illumination of God's Word**

O God of wisdom, you delight in deep truth. Let these words of scripture teach our hearts, that we may hear your joy and gladness. For the sake of Christ, your wisdom for us. Amen.

**First Reading**                  Psalm 92:1-5, 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, Most High;

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim your loyal love in the morning,  
your faithfulness at nighttime

<sup>3</sup> with the ten-stringed harp,  
with the melody of the lyre

<sup>4</sup> because you've made me happy, LORD,  
by your acts.

I sing with joy because of your handiwork.

<sup>5</sup> How awesome are your works, LORD!  
Your thoughts are so deep!

<sup>12</sup> The righteous will spring up like a palm tree.

They will grow strong like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup> Those who have been replanted in the LORD's house  
will spring up in the courtyards of our God.

<sup>14</sup> They will bear fruit even when old and gray;  
they will remain lush and fresh <sup>15</sup> in order to proclaim:

"The LORD is righteous.

He's my rock.

There's nothing unrighteous in him."

**Sharing Faith with the Younger Church**

## **Anthem**

### **Second Reading**            2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident, because we know that while we are living in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord. <sup>7</sup> We live by faith and not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, and we would prefer to leave the body and to be at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So our goal is to be acceptable to him, whether we are at home or away from home. <sup>10</sup> We all must appear before Christ in court so that each person can be paid back for the things that were done while in the body, whether they were good or bad.

<sup>14</sup> The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. <sup>15</sup> He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised.

<sup>16</sup> So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. <sup>17</sup> So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

## **Sermon**

# Responding to the Word

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**Hymn 817**                      *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (vrs. 1 & 3)*            DUNLAP'S CREEK

**Affirmation of Faith**            Nicene Creed, pg. 34 in hymnal

**Sharing our Prayers**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Dedicating our Gifts**

**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**

**HYMN 748**

*Go with Us, Lord*

TALLIS' CANNON

**Postlude**