

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20th 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Gratitude for Fathers

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Still!* HANDBELLS *arr. Bill Ingram*

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship

One: This is the day the Lord has made,

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: We come with awe and praise, hearts lifted high!

All: Some of us come with doubt and fear, hearts troubled.

One: This is the church the Lord has made,
the people God created for this place and this time.

**All: We come to hear God's word, to know Christ's presence,
and follow the Spirit wherever she may lead.**

One: Come, let us worship the Living God,
who calls us together.

Hymn 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vrs. 1 & 5) DIX

Call to Confession

We are told to be strong and self-sufficient, but in truth we are in constant need of grace. We try to do it all on our own, but our lives are nothing without God's mercy and love. In penitence and faith, let us confess our weaknesses and failings before God and to one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Loving God, you created all things
to work together in your kingdom,
and you call us to live as one body.**

We confess that often we prefer to go our own way.

**We imagine that we can live without you,
though you give us our very breath.**

**We pursue individual success,
ignoring your gift of community.**

**We seek control over others
rather than striving to live together.**

**We give in to fear,
even though our lives are in your hands.**

Mark 4:35–41

Forgive us.

**Draw us back into your steadfast love
and shape us into the likeness of your Son,
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

[Water is poured into the font.]

Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water, and mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in God's goodness and love. Let us live, then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in our baptism. 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

Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

God of all goodness, your scripture is meant to be a light for the way ahead of us. As we read and listen, fill us with your Spirit, revealing the truths you have for us. May the words that we hear, Almighty God, bring challenge to our minds, comfort to our spirits, and nourishment to our souls. Through Jesus Christ we pray, **Amen.**

First Reading Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind:

- ² Who is this darkening counsel
with words lacking knowledge?
³ Prepare yourself like a man;
I will interrogate you, and you will respond to me.
⁴ Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?
Tell me if you know.
⁵ Who set its measurements? Surely you know.
Who stretched a measuring tape on it?
⁶ On what were its footings sunk;
who laid its cornerstone,
⁷ while the morning stars sang in unison
and all the divine beings shouted?
⁸ Who enclosed the Sea behind doors
when it burst forth from the womb,
⁹ when I made the clouds its garment,

the dense clouds its wrap,
10 when I imposed my limit for it,
put on a bar and doors
11 and said, “You may come this far, no farther;
here your proud waves stop”?

Sharing Faith with the Younger Church

Anthem

Second Reading Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.” ³⁶ They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

³⁷ Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. ³⁸ But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re drowning?”

³⁹ He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, “Silence! Be still!” The wind settled down and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Jesus asked them, “Why are you frightened? Don’t you have faith yet?”

⁴¹ Overcome with awe, they said to each other, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Hymn 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (vrs. 1 & 3)* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Affirmation of Faith Church Creed

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Dedicating our Gifts

With tithes and offerings give thanks to the Lord; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

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