

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27th 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship

from Psalm 30

One: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones;

All: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

One: Though we were lost and confused

All: God now leads us in a new way.

One: Where once we felt condemned and forsaken

All: God now surprises us with fresh mercy.

One: Though there was weeping and mourning

All: God fills us with joy, and invites us into a new dance.

One: Let us praise God, and not be silent!

All: Let us worship almighty God!

Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House (vrs. 1 & 4)

TWO OAKS

Call to Confession

We let fear control us, and allow doubt to become our way of life. Yet if we would only look, we will see our lives - and our world - cradled in God's loving care. Let us together confess our sin and lack of faith, even as we trust in the mercy of God, who has promised to hear our cries and heal our hearts.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of love and mercy,

we confess that our focus might be in the wrong place.

You fill us with your faithful love -

but we refuse to share it with those who need it most.

You provide us with countless gifts -

but we hoard them for ourselves.

In your mercy, you set us free from all shame -

but we condemn others for their faults.

Forgive us, God of hope.

Turn our hearts back to you

and to those around us, whom you love.

Pour your grace upon us,

**and strengthen us as we follow Christ,
in whose name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

from Lamentations 3:22-24

Sisters and brothers, the faithful love of the Lord never ceases! God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness! "We hope in God, for the LORD is our portion." God's love is steadfast, constant, enduring forever. We are loved and restored; therefore let us go and share this wonderful good news of God's mercy:

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

Your holy word is a lamp to our path, O God, and we desire its light. As the scriptures are read and proclaimed this day, may your Holy Spirit open our ears and our hearts to receive their teaching and discern their meaning. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, **Amen.**

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-33

²² Certainly the faithful love of the LORD hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through!

²³ They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ I think: The LORD is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him.

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him.

²⁶ It's good to wait in silence for the LORD's deliverance.

²⁷ It's good for a man to carry a yoke in his youth.

²⁸ He should sit alone and be silent when God lays it on him.

²⁹ He should put his mouth in the dirt—perhaps there is hope.

³⁰ He should offer his cheek for a blow; he should be filled with shame.

³¹ My Lord definitely won't reject forever.

³² Although he has caused grief, he will show compassion in measure with his covenant loyalty.

³³ He definitely doesn't enjoy affliction, making humans suffer.

Sharing Faith with the Younger Church

Anthem

In Christ Alone

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Second Reading

Mark 5:21-43

²¹ Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. ²² Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came forward. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him, “My daughter is about to die. Please, come and place your hands on her so that she can be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. ²⁵ A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. ²⁷ Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. ²⁸ She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I’ll be healed. ²⁹ Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed.

³⁰ At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ His disciples said to him, “Don’t you see the crowd pressing against you? Yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” ³² But Jesus looked around carefully to see who had done it.

³³ The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He responded, “Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease.”

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking with her, messengers came from the synagogue leader’s house, saying to Jairus, “Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?”

³⁶ But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, “Don’t be afraid; just keep trusting.” ³⁷ He didn’t allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James’ brother. ³⁸ They came to the synagogue leader’s house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “What’s all this commotion and crying about? The child isn’t dead. She’s only sleeping.” ⁴⁰ They laughed at him, but he threw them all out. Then, taking the child’s parents and his disciples with him, he went to the room where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her hand, he said to her, “*Talitha kum,*” which means, “Young woman, get up.” ⁴² Suddenly the young woman got up and began to walk around. She was 12 years old. They were shocked! ⁴³ He gave them strict orders that no one should know what had happened. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vrs. 1 & 3)

FAITHFULNESS

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission

Paul Guffey

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 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (vrs. 5) GREEN TYLER

Postlude

-Family of Dottie Phelps, Dan Phelps' mom, who died this past week

-Family of Bob Pitman, JB's uncle, who died June 17th

-Linda Slaughter: cataract surgery this week

-Karen Dikeman

-Leslie Phillips

-Sherry Woodall's sister, Ardenia

-Ed Cook

-Linda Cook

-Kelly Joplin's dad, John Maynard

-JB Pitman's mom, Ada

-Lynn Snell

-Mary Beth Waller's dad, Bill Boyd

-Marci Randall's uncle, David Stephens

-Rhonda Roark, Becky Pitman's sister