

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 14, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will be glad and rejoice in it.

This is the year that the Lord has begun.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning. great is your faithfulness.

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to those who seek him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. Holy One, hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. Amen.

HYMN 4757 TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

H. Kenn Carmichael

**Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.**

**God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.**

**Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.**

**May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down.

Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt. Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion.

We sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways. We then fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life. Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness. Forgive us and heal us, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come, we can immerse ourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness. God's mercy restores us and renews us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GENESIS 18: 1-15

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham^[a] by the oaks^[b] of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures^[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**
¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**
¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
Praise the LORD!

MATTHEW 9:35-10:23

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 Then Jesus^[a] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;^[b] ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’^[c] ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers,^[d] cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

SERMON Dusty Feet

HYMN727 WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

Richard Gillard

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Our World Belongs to God," articles 1, 2, 6).

**As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world— which some seek to control, but which others view with despair— we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him!
God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!
We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 432 HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD Green

Fred Pratt

**How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call:
To live according to your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.**

**But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
If worldly pressures fray the mind, and love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.**

**We marvel how your saints become in hindrances more sure;
Whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
And by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.**

**In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or along,
In old routines and ventures new, may we not cease to look to you,
The cross you hung upon - all you endeavored done .**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE