

**Sunday, August 30<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00 a.m.**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**INTRODUCTION**

*In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While you cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. We offer this brief resource as an aid for prayer in the home. As with our prayers in the gathered assembly for worship, you are encouraged to prepare or adapt them locally for your context.*

**PRELUDES**

“Chaconne-”	Pachelbel
“An Old Garden”	E. MacDowell
“Sing to the Lord of the Harvest”	T. Kendall
“Andante’ from Piano Sonata No. 5”	W. A. Mozart

**CALL TO WORSHIP – CHIMES**

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor says Good Morning and Welcome

*Those able, please kneel*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God.

**C: We confess that we do not trust your abundance and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*“O Day of Peace”*

**Sung by Lily and Heather Staley**

1. O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b.1944  
Music: C. Hubert H Parry, 1848-1918  
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**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE (Sung)**

**Sung by Lily and Heather Staley**

A: Lord, have mercy.  
A: Christ, have mercy.  
A: Lord, Have mercy.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
**C: Christ, have mercy.**  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Glory to God (Sung)*

**Sung by Lily and Heather Staley**

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Men: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Women: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

All: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15**

*Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.*

R: A reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus:

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to

Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b**

*Make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples. Hallelujah! (Ps. 105:1, 45)*

R: We will read Psalm 105 responsively

R: <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

R: <sup>3</sup>Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God's face.**

R: <sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

**C: <sup>6</sup>O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

R: <sup>23</sup>Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

**C: <sup>24</sup>The LORD made the people of Israel very fruitful, more numerous than their enemies,**

R: <sup>25</sup>whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people, and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.

**C: <sup>26</sup>O LORD, you sent Moses your servant, and Aaron, your chosen one. <sup>45b</sup> | Hallelujah!**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, who is, who was, and who will always be, our God. Amen.**

*Those able please stand*

**THE ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia (Sung)*

**Sung by Lily and Heather Staley**

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

P: <sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son-of-Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son-of-Man coming in his dominion."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

*Please be seated*

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

**SPECIAL MUSIC – Lily and Heather Staley**

“On Eagles Wings”

Joncas

Text: Michael Joncas, b 1957

Music: Michael Joncas

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## SERMON

by Pastor Tina Mackie

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Sung by Lily and Heather Staley

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What Wondrous love is this,  
O my Soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down,  
sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing: to God and to the Lamb I will sing:  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19<sup>th</sup> cent., alt.

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.

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## *Those able please stand*

A: Let us profess our Faith with the Apostle's Creed

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*You can add names to the list through by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers*

A: As we gather separately and together in the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world, **(A brief silence)**

A: Caring for the church around the world, we pray (Pause)

for a spirit of ecumenical cooperation, for the health of congregations during this difficult time, for our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. **(A brief silence)**

Hear us, God our Savior;

**C: In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

A: Seeing before us your good creation, we pray (Pause)

for the repair of what we have harmed, for polar ice, for lands dealing with oppressive heat, for fields ravaged by storms and fires. **(A brief silence)**

Hear us, God our Creator:

**C: In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

A: Facing so many international problems we pray (Pause)

for the strengthening of democracies, for peaceful resolutions to conflicts, for the people of Belarus, Lebanon, and Yemen, for researchers seeking a vaccine, for racial justice within our nation, for our

legislators to assist the lives of the poor, for an ethical election campaign. **(A brief silence)**

Hear us, God our mighty Fortress;

**C: In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

A: Surrounded by people with great and hidden need we pray (Pause)  
for families frightened by the uncertain future, for those whose homes have burned down, for students  
deprived of effective education, for refugees and for prisoners. **(A brief silence)**

Hear us, God our Hope,

**C: In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

A: Aware of all who are sick and suffering we pray (Pause)  
for all who are facing the coronavirus, for those without medical care, for those we remember here before  
you: **Virgil Emswiler, Ralph Finkbiner, Judi Geri, Robert Hindle, Rich Kleylein and Connie Vammen.**

**(A brief silence)**

Hear us, God our Healer;

**C: In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

P: Confident of your love for us, we pray also Zion and for ourselves: *(prayers from your heart for those you  
care about)*

**(A longer period of silence)**

*Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):*

*Kenneth Bauer, Ellen Levy-Gray, Dottie Jacques, Mary Lesh, Diane Pannella, Judi Rittenhouse,  
Lynn Schmitt, Vicki Walker, and Greg Wicker, Deb Althoff, Mike Anthony, Joanne Frederick,  
John Frederick, Deb Hoff, Glenn Hoff, Amy Hollar, Tom Hughes, Ryan Law, Cindy Levengood,  
Jay Markwart, James Newson, Jennifer Paris, Brian Spitko, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen,  
Brookelyn Rogers and Luke Walton*

**(A brief silence)**

Hear us, God our Friend;

**C: In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

P: Mindful of all who have gone before us in the faith, Betty Ann Davis, we offer our thanks —  
for all the saints famous and forgotten, for medical workers who have died of the virus, for friends and family  
we have loved, for the promise of everlasting life with you,

Hear us, God our Homeland;

**C: In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through  
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

***Let us share the peace with one another***  
*(Please keep in mind Social Distancing)*

***Please Remain Standing***

## **OFFERING**

“Consider the Lillies”

J. Southbridge

*If you wish to make an electronic offering at this time, please go to our website;  
**zionofspringcity.org** and make your contribution there.*

## **OFFERTORY**

***Let the Vineyards***

**Sung by Lily and Heather Staley**

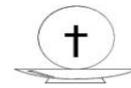
**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.  
Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities  
and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **C: Amen.**



## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

**C: And also with you.**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)*

**Sung by Lily and Heather Staley**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me. *(Congregation will hold up their wafers for the blessing)*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me. *(Congregation will hold up their wine for the blessing)*  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

*Please be seated for the final preparations*

### LAMB OF GOD (Sung)

**Sung by Lily and Heather Staley**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

