ORDER OF WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021 10:00 a.m.

The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation. Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask to support our children and those with health concerns.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Three Settings of Liebster Jesu

J. S. Bach (1685-1750) Andreas Armsdorff (1670-1699)

INTROIT Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

I got me flowers to strew thy way; I got me boughs off many a tree: but thou wast up by break of day and brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the east though he give light, and the east perfume; if they should offer to contest with thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this though many suns to shine endeavour? We count three hundred, but we miss: there is but one, and that one ever.

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 48)

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love,

O God, in the midst of your temple.

People: Your name, O God, like your praise,

reaches to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Your right hand is filled with victory.

People: Let Mount Zion be glad, let the town of Judah rejoice

because of your judgments.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

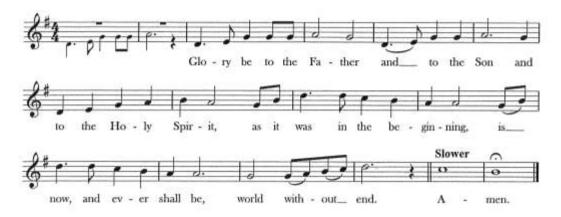
KYRIE ELEISONKile Smith
(b. 1956)



PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. **People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI Smith



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guardian of the weak, through the teachings of your prophets you have claimed our cities, towns, and homes as temples of your presence and citadels of your justice. Open our hearts to hear your word. Turn the places we live into strongholds of your grace, that the most vulnerable as well as the most powerful among us may find peace in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSONII Corinthians 12:6-10

But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER Psalm 123 PLAINSONG

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

HYMN (seated) TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way, Through this and every coming day, That in your Spirit strong and true, Our lives may be our gift to you.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no

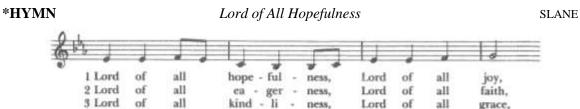
money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word. **People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Taking Nothing for the Journey"

Austin Crenshaw Shelley





Words: Jan Struther (1901-1955)

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927

*NICENE CREED (Ecumenical Version)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Offering plates are available at each sanctuary door, where you may share your offering, as you enter or depart. You may continue to send pledges and other gifts to the church office, or give online.

OFFERTORY SOLO
Max Reger
(1873-1916)

Wohl denen, die ohne Tadel leben, die im Gesetz des HERRN wandeln!
Wohl denen, die seine Zeugnisse halten, die ihn von ganzem Herzen suchen!
Denn welche auf seinen Wegen wandeln, die tun kein Übel.
Du hast geboten, fleißig zu halten deine Befehle.
Oh daß mein Leben, deine Rechte mit ganzem Ernst hielte!
Deine Rechte will ich halten; verlaß mich nimmermehr.

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways. You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This summer, as we transition back to sanctuary worship, communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. This month, following the communion liturgy, the ushers will invite you to come forward. Please take a small plastic container, that includes juice and a wafer, and return to your seats via the side aisle. When all have received the elements and returned to their seats, you will be invited to partake. Peel off the top layer for the wafer, and the second layer for the juice (yes, this can be a bit challenging!). You may leave the empty containers in the communion racks in the pews.

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers concluding with 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION SOLO Prière Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)

O Jésus vivant en Marie, O Jesus, living in Mary, Come and live in your servants, Venez et vivez en vos serviteurs, Dans votre esprit de sainteté, *In your spirit of holiness, In the fullness of your strength,* Dans la plénitude de votre force, Dans la perfection de vos voies, *In the perfection of your ways,* Dans la vérité de vos vertus, *In the truth of your virtue,* Dans la communion de vos mystères, In the communion of your mysteries, Dominate all enemy power, in your spirit, Dominez toute puissance ennemie, dans votre esprit, A la gloire du Père! Ainsi soit-il. To the glory of the Father! So be it.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison)

Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy mysteries, with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament, be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Rejoicing (Fireworks Music)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

*Congregation standing

LEADING WORSHIP: Brian D. Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate

Pastor

LITURGIST: Matthew Ward

MUSIC: Jackson Williams, Baritone Soloist, Ken Lovett, Organist

GREETERS: Kelly Baughman and Charlotte Baughman

USHERS: Narthex: Michael Baughman; Hallway Door: Robert Bausman

FLOWER GUILD: Linda Pettengill and Susan White

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew C. and Amy Jirsa by Anne and Ed Pringle.

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