

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10 AM Worship + June 27, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Jesus Calls Us* arr. Landon

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace, in the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Verse Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Verse Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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Prayer for Confession

Leader: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

All: God have mercy.

Leader: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

All: God have mercy.

Leader: When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

All: God have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

The Children's Message

Pass the Peace (Leader)

The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you! You are encouraged to pass the peace to neighbors by waves and/or air hugs. If you are worshipping with us online, we encourage you to text a friend and pass the peace.

Song *You Are Mine*

Scripture *Romans 14:8*

If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God.

Summer Sermon Series: "This We Believe"

The Heidelberg Catechism: Christianity's FAQs by the Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

Affirmation of Faith *Heidelberg Catechism, first question and answer*

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... 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.

Call for Offering

Friends, our giving is one way of saying thank you to God for what God has given us. It's an act of gratitude. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy and song and prayers to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God, our money. May we reflect on what we have been given and respond by giving generously to the work of God through this community.

Today's Offertory Song *I Belong to God*

Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage.
Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak.
Help the suffering. Honor all persons.
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Postlude *I Belong to God*

Flute Jen Galang

Worship Music William, Kimberly, and Sofia Aikens, and the Praise Band

Pianist and Leader of New Stone Gathering Amy Bowman

Director of Children's Ministry Todd Bowman

Worship Leader The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

Next Week's Worship Times *Sunday, July 4*

9 AM in Fellowship Hall | 11 AM in Sanctuary

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Please review below the following protocols for vaccinated persons:

- Masks are optional.
- Social distancing is optional.
- Room capacities are lifted.
- All entrances and exits of the building are available for use.

Persons who are not yet fully vaccinated should continue to mask and distance when indoors per CDC guidelines.

Persons with COVID-19 symptoms or who have been in contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms in the past two weeks are asked to remain home and worship virtually.

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