

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sept. 9, 2020 – Online Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:

- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Shine, Jesus Shine

Ruth Bills, Musician

We Are Called

Leona Olson, glockenspiel, Matt Nordeen, guitar

Thomas Strommen, saxophone

Song for the Nations

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

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(verses 1 & 3)

- 1. You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God!
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!***
- 3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the Kingdom of God!
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord God, grand architect of the universe, your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made perfect once again.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE It's Me

Thomas Strommen, saxophone, Ruth Bills, Vocal

- 1. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.***

Refrain:

***It's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.***

- 2. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]***
- 3. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]***
- 4. Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]***

WORD

FIRST READING

Diane Langer, Lector

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.” ’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:4

P: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to the eleventh chapter of Luke:

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

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. John Strommen, Preacher

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let There be Peace on Earth

*Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth, The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father, Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live, Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me*

MEAL

If you are alone, don't worry! I will say the words of distribution for you, and you can commune yourself.

Checklist for communion:

- *Your hands are clean.*
- *You've appointed someone to be the main server, and someone to serve the server.*
- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*

- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*
- *Don't worry if it doesn't go perfectly! Remember what the meal means: God's grace for imperfect people.*

After I say the words of institution and the Lord's Prayer, you will administer to each other saying these words: Extending the bread, you say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." Offering the wine, you say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 for the remembrance of me.

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 for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.**

L: *(to those who are single)*

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

RECEIVING THE MEAL

For those who are doing the consecrating at home, AT THIS TIME you can now do the words of institution, followed by the Lord's Prayer. As you do the words of institution, you can hold up the appropriate element – the bread and the goblet or cup - if you wish (but it's not necessary).

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Matt Nordeen, guitar

BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: And now let us respond to the receiving of God's gifts to us by offering our gifts and our prayers to God.

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We will do the prayers like we normally do, where you can offer petitions. some of you have already sent prayers by email. I will read those first. Those who want to respond live may do so, and I'll read those also.

P: Let us now enter into a conversation with the living God by offering up what is on our hearts and minds. We begin by praying for those among us who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for Kathy, Glenn, Peggy, Luke, Christine, Dick, and Virginia,

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions from the congregation, silent and spoken, personal and global, are invited.
If spoken, end with the words: Lord, in your mercy,*

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and in your grace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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Sing a New Song

Refrain

***Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.***

- 1. Yahweh's people, dance for joy. O come before the Lord.
And praise the Lord on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. [Refrain]***
- 2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
The Lord has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. [Refrain]***
- 3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives. [Refrain]***

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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