



The Celebration of Worship

June 14, 2020 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Residents: Rola Al Ashkar
Veronica Gould

Welcome

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship

Leader: Please join me in the call to worship from Psalm 100: “ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we belong to God; we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s own pasture.

People: Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and the courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless God’s name.

Leader: For the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and faithfulness to all generations.

Gathering Hymn

“Prepare the Way”

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God’s Grace

All: Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Leader: Hear God’s promise from the Letter to the Romans: “While we were still weak, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

People: Let us find peace with God and one another. Amen.

Response to God’s Forgiveness

Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Veronica Gould

Hymn of Grace

“Canticle of the Turning”

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the [children] of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as [beloved children], the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope, we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what [they] already [have]? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed low to

the ground. He said, "If I have found favor in Your eyes, my Lord, do not pass Your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way - - now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say." So Abraham hurried into the tent of Sarah. "Quick," he said, "Get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread. "Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.

Then the Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of child-bearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son." Sarah was afraid so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he (God) said, "Yes you did laugh."

Sermon Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
"Birthing Something New"

Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Please have elements of your choice available to receive virtual communion.

Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Teacher and Pianist Appreciation

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rola Al Ashkar

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Benediction Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)