



## The Celebration of Worship

June 21, 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson  
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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 (adapted from 2 Corinthians)

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**People: The old has passed away, behold the new has come!**

Leader: We have been reconciled to God through Christ, our Redeemer.

**People: The old has passed away, behold the new has come!**

Leader: God has looked on us and seen more than our faults. With God, there is forgiveness.

**People: The old has passed away, behold the new has come!**

Leader: Therefore let us carry out the ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation in the name of Christ.

### Gathering Hymn

“Somos Uno En Cristo (We Are One in Christ Jesus)”

### 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: We are witnesses of God’s forgiveness. All who look to the LORD for mercy shall receive mercy.

**People: Let us be merciful, as God has been merciful to us.**

### 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

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

### Hymn of Grace

“Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught”

### 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

1 John 4:19-5:3

We love because God first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates their brother or sister, they are a liar; for the one who does not love their sibling whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen. And this commandment we have from the Lord: whoever loves God must also love their brother, their sister, their neighbor. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Parent loves the child as well. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey God’s commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep God’s commandments. And God’s commandments are not burdensome.

### Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 21: 1-20

Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as God had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what God had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son

in his old age.”

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.” The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she began to sob. God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer.

**Sermon** Veronica Gould  
“Favored Children”

### **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** Veronica Gould

**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**

“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”

### **Benediction**

Veronica Gould

### **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.)**