



The Celebration of Worship

July 26, 2020 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.**

Special Video

Many thanks to Eddie & Yvonne Fong for filming the video.

Call to Worship

Leader: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loves us.

Leader: Nothing in all of creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Nothing in all of creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gathering Hymn

“The Kingdom of God”

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God’s Grace

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in Your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by Your Spirit
that we may live and serve You in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of Your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of God Almighty, we have been given new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: Nothing in all of creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Rola Al Ashkar

Hymn of Grace

“Be Thou My Vision”

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

Psalm 72: 1-7

My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
God’s power, and the wonders God has done.
The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which God commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget the works of God
but would keep God’s commands.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52

[Jesus] told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,

I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

[Jesus] said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Sermon

Veronica Gould

“Still Another Parable”

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

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

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

“In Your Time”

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.)