



The Celebration of Worship

Aug 16, 2020 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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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 the contributors and to Jonathan Sakakibara for video editing.

Call to Worship

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

People: Let all nations be glad and sing for joy.

Leader: For You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Leader: God has provided enough food for all to eat and enough water to sustain life.

People: We shall not withhold God's blessing from anyone.

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

All: Let all the peoples praise You.

Gathering Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Confession and 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 a new birth into a 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.

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

Rola Al Ashkar

Hymn of Grace

"Though I May Speak"

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

Isaiah 56:1-8 (Good News Translation)

The Lord says to his people, "Do what is just and right, for soon I will save you. I will bless those who always observe the Sabbath and do not misuse it. I will bless those who do nothing evil."

A foreigner who has joined the Lord's people should not say, "The Lord will not let me worship with his people."

A man who has been castrated should never think that because he cannot have children, he can never be part of God's people. The Lord says to such a man, "If you honor me by observing the Sabbath and if you do what pleases me and faithfully keep my covenant, then your name will be remembered in my Temple and among my people longer than if you had sons and daughters. You will never be forgotten."

And the Lord says to those foreigners who become part of his people, who love him and serve him, who observe the Sabbath and faithfully keep his covenant: “I will bring you to Zion, my sacred hill, give you joy in my house of prayer, and accept the sacrifices you offer on my altar. My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations.” The Sovereign Lord, who has brought his people Israel home from exile, has promised that he will bring still other people to join them.

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 15: 10-20 (Good News Trans.)

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand! It is not what goes into your mouth that makes you ritually unclean; rather, what comes out of it makes you unclean.”

Then the disciples came to him and said, “Do you know that the Pharisees had their feelings hurt by what you said?”

“Every plant which my Father in heaven did not plant will be pulled up,” answered Jesus. “Don’t worry about them! They are blind leaders of the blind; and when one blind man leads another, both fall into a ditch.”

Peter spoke up, “Explain this saying to us.”

Jesus said to them, “You are still no more intelligent than the others. Don’t you understand? Anything that goes into your mouth goes into your stomach and then on out of your body. But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these are the things that make you ritually unclean. For from your heart come the evil ideas which lead you to kill, commit adultery, and do other immoral things; to rob, lie, and slander others. These are the things that make you unclean. But to eat without washing your hands as they say you should—this doesn’t make you unclean.”

Sermon Veronica Gould

“What’s in Your Heart?”

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

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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.)



In Appreciation:

Online Greeter

Flowers

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Starting Aug 23