

**The Lord's Day, July 5, 2020**  
*The Christian Year: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

<b>10:30 AM Morning Service</b>
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*"There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-5*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship: Revelation 7:9-12**

**Minister:** I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

**People:** "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

**Minister:** And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

**People:** "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

**\*Hymn of Adoration: The Church's One Foundation (No. 347)**

1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish,  
is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her,  
and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor  
she ever shall prevail.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

6 Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Father, we approach you as your children, chosen by you, holy and beloved. We praise you, for you have qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. You have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. Through him, you have reconciled to yourself all things, making peace by the blood of his cross. So that now we, who were once alienated from you and hostile toward you, committing evil deeds, you have reconciled by his death, in order to present us holy and blameless and above reproach before you. And now we, your children, are no longer strangers and aliens from each other, but fellow citizens with all the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being our cornerstone. Amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith: WCF Chapter 26, Section 1**

Minister: What do you understand by *the communion of saints*?

People: All saints – who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith – have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to perform those public and private duties which lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

**\*Gloria Patri (Tune: Ode to Joy)**

Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;  
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.  
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!

**The Revelation of God's Will: from Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40**

Minister: Hear now the covenant of your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." You shall have no other gods before Me.

People: **You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

Minister: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

People: **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

Minister: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **You shall not murder.**

Minister: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **You shall not steal.**

Minister: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: **You shall not covet.**

Minister: Have you fully obeyed the LORD in all that He has commanded? Have you loved the LORD with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself?

People: **No, but we have sinned in thought, in word, and in deed.**

Minister: Then confess your sins to the LORD, for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.

**\*Hymn of Confession: God Be Merciful to Me, verses 1-4 (No. 486)**

1. God be merciful to me,  
on thy grace I rest my plea;  
plenteous in compassion thou,  
blot out my transgressions now;  
wash me, make me pure within,  
cleanse, O cleanse my from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess,  
grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against thy grace  
and provoked thee to thy face;  
I confess thy judgment just,  
speechless, I thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;  
thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art,  
teach thy wisdom to my heart;  
make me pure, thy grace bestow,  
wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust  
by thy wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice  
and in gladness hear thy voice;  
from my sins O hide thy face,  
blot them out in boundless grace.

**Corporate Confession**

**Almighty and most merciful God and Father: we have erred and strayed from your ways; like lost sheep we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against Your holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare those, O God, who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, sober and righteous life to the glory of Your holy Name and the salvation of our own souls. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:8-11)

**Hymn of Response: Arise, My Soul, Arise (No. 305)**

1 Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears:  
the bleeding Sacrifice  
in my behalf appears:  
before the throne my Surety stands,  
before the throne my Surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede,  
his all-redeeming love,  
his precious blood to plead;  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers,  
they strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4 My God is reconciled;  
his pard'ning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child,  
I can no longer fear;  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry

## **Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings**

### **\*Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

### **\*Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Genesis 33:1-20**

### **\*The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon: "The Message of Reconciliation"** (Rev. Seth Wallace)

### **\*Hymn of Response: And Can It Be That I Should Gain (No. 455)**

1 And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
humbled himself (so great his love!)  
and bled for all his chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for, O my God, it found out me! [Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. [Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

[Refrain]

### **\*The Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*