

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2020

The congregation's part is in **bold**.

THE WORD OF GOD

GATHERING SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving

Carol Latimer



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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WELCOME

Welcome message video

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RITE OF WELCOME AND RECOGNITION FOR TRANSITION/INTERIM MINISTER

Co-Warden: Pastor Peggy Rose, you have been called by the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA, appointed by Bishop Donald Kreiss, affirmed by Bishop Bonnie Perry & the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, and accepted as our Intentional Interim/Transition Pastor by the Parish Leadership Team. I have the privilege of recognizing you and welcoming you as you begin your service at Spirit of Grace Church.

Reader: Hear the words of Timothy: "...Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ... Give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers."

Pastor Peggy Rose, in the virtual presence of this congregation, will you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the Constitutions and By-laws of the Church?

Pastor Rose: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Co-Warden: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran and Episcopal Churches, will you administer the Holy Sacraments, and will you lead a life worthy of your calling?

Pastor: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Co-Warden: Members of Spirit of Grace Church, you have heard the promises of Pastor Peggy Rose, whom we have asked to serve us as our Intentional Interim/Transition Pastor. I, therefore, ask you: Will you receive her and show her the love, honor, and obedience in the Lord due to a shepherd and teacher of the faith; and, will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God? Will you pray for her, help & honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to work together in the peace and unity of Christ? If so, answer, "Yes, and we ask God to help and guide us."

Congregation: Yes, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Co-Warden: Upon these, your solemn promises, I do now declare Pastor Peggy Rose to be the Intentional Interim/Transition Pastor of Spirit of Grace Church.

PRAYER OF BEGINNING by Jan L. Richardson

Let us pray, Maker of the universe, fashioner of the stars, who dwells within time and beyond time, hear this prayer: if I have failed to perceive you when you have appeared in the face of a friend, if I have neglected to feed you when you have come with the hunger of a stranger, if I have not embraced you when you have sought me out of a sister or brother's poverty, if I have not laughed and played with you when you greeted me with the delight of a child, forgive me. Open my eyes, my hands, my arms, my heart to know you appearing and to celebrate the flesh-shaped mystery of Emmanuel, God with us. Make my heart a dwelling place ready to receive you in even the bleakest spaces, to delight at you appearing even as the animals who made welcome for the birth of wonder.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MESSAGE

Pastor Peggy Rose

APOSTLES CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING TO GOD *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Denise Hobbs



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response for today's prayer is "Hear our prayer" after hearing "Lord, in your mercy."

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation (*local needs may be named*). Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our Spirit of Grace such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us, we pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.**

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Friends in Christ, we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together during this time of social distancing. Many of us are feeling what St. Thomas Aquinas describes as an "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him." We are aware of this absence and our yearning for the real presence of Christ in that same experience we share with followers of Christ throughout the ages. Until we are able to meet again in community, we can share in a different Christian tradition in the practice of spiritual communion. Let us pray together the prayer for spiritual communion from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services.

In unity, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. we remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video Announcements

BENEDICTION

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Denise Hobbs

YOU ARE GOOD

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

*We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good*

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DISMISSAL

Acolyte Go in peace to serve the risen Lord. ALLELUIA!
People **THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**