

# 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2020

10:00 AM

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

### GATHERING SONG

### Gather Us In

*Carol Latimer*



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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### WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Welcome message video*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray, God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

#### **Exodus 19:2-8a**

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

### The Second Lesson

#### **Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### The Gospel

#### **Matthew 9:35-10:8-23**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**INTERGENERATIONAL CREED** *(Together let us affirm our faith in the words of the Intergenerational Creed written by the people of Spirit of Grace.)*

**We believe in God, the Father, who is...**

**Our Leader,  
Loving,  
Our Protector,  
Compassionate,  
Our Provider and  
Caring**

**The Father ...**

**Created Us,  
Gave Us Life and  
Gave Us Freedom of Choice**

**We believe in God, the Son, who is...**

**Holy,  
A Teacher,  
A Helper,  
A Friend,  
Giving and  
Thankful**

**The Son...**

**Puts Others Before Himself,  
Sacrifices Himself for Us,  
Is Obedient and  
Shines**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, who is...**

**Invincible,  
Powerful,  
A Leader,  
Overwhelming,  
Amazing,  
Loving and  
Awesome**

**The Holy Spirit...**

**Picks You Up When You Are Down,  
Comforts You,  
Gives You a Shoulder to Cry On,  
Helps You Get Better,  
Provides Strength and  
Gives You Spirit  
AMEN.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, the whole earth is yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring abatement. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Through the ages you have spoken through prophets. Stir up in your church a passion for your word revealed in Jesus, that your church studies the scriptures, shows hospitality, prays without ceasing, and embodies prophetic justice in community. Embolden church leaders and all the baptized to remember the lives of the oppressed, repent of racism and hatred, and renew our commitment to your word revealed most fully in Jesus, our way, truth, and life. In your great mercy, receive our prayer. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we have created divisions you will not own. In places of conflict, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who care for all forced to leave their homes. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Heal those who are sick. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard, and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Prepare us to labor and gather the fruits of this congregation, that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you bring all people to yourself. We give thanks for the holy people who have gone before us (*especially Bob LaFond, Rubie Brede, Jean Peters, George Floyd and others who have lost their lives to violence.*). Sustain us in your mission until the day you bear us up to join the saints in light. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

### PRAYER FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

Gracious God, Surround all those are graduating with your grace, especially Tyler, Shae and Katie. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they move into this new chapter, may they grow ever more grateful, compassionate and wise. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### MUSICAL OFFERING TO GOD

**Psalm 100**

*Denise Hobbs*

### 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.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

*Please respond with “we give you thanks and praise” after “For your Word of life, O God.”*

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Prayers in Pajamas (Night Prayers) Mondays at 8:30 pm. Email [clatimer@spiritofgrace.church](mailto:clatimer@spiritofgrace.church) for zoom link.*

*Reality, Lament and Hope, A Service for These Times, Friday, June 19 at 7 pm.  
For information go to [edomi.org/reality-lament-and hope/](http://edomi.org/reality-lament-and hope/)*

*Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at [edomi.org/give](http://edomi.org/give). Thanks extended to all who are able to give at this time.*

## **BENEDICTION**

**I WILL FOLLOW**

Where You go I'll go  
 Where You stay I'll stay  
 When You move I'll move  
 I will follow

All Your ways are good  
 All Your ways are sure  
 I will trust in You alone  
 Higher than my sight  
 High above my life  
 I will trust in You alone

*Where You go I'll go  
 Where You stay I'll stay  
 When You move I'll move  
 I will follow You  
 Whom You love I'll love  
 How You serve I'll serve  
 If this life I lose  
 I will follow (You)*

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world  
 Light into my life  
 I will live for You alone  
 You're the One I seek  
 Knowing I will find  
 All I need in You alone  
 In You alone

In You there's life everlasting  
 In You there's freedom for my soul  
 In You there's joy unending joy  
 And I will follow

Yeah I will follow You yeah  
 I will follow You yeah  
 I will follow You yeah

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**DISMISSAL**

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