

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 19, 2022



"WORKING FOR GOOD"

REV. STEWART SMITH

GENERAL PRESBYTER

GENESIS 45:1-15; 50:20 AND

GAL. 3:23-29

JOHN 3:1-21

Celebrating Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022, 11am

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Liturgy inspired by and written by Rev. Teri Peterson for Bibleworm

**Please rise as you are able.*

Children are welcome in worship; please use a colorful welcome bag from the rack or join our caregiver at the white craft table in the front right. Our nursery is also open.

PRELUDE "This Is My Father's World" #370

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Welcome Rev. Stewart Smith / Br. Andee Book
2. Congregational Meeting June 19 / Session Meeting
3. Happy Father's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

I am the vine, Jesus said.

We are the branches.

Those who abide in Christ and who Christ abides in are here.

We desire to bear much fruit.

Apart from me you can do nothing, Jesus said.

We want to do our part and do something.

Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty #35

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God. **Hear our prayer.**

God, some of us are like the seed in need of automatic transformation, not knowing what we are to become but knowing and trusting you and your infinite wisdom, believing that we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds. God, some of us are still caught up in acknowledging that we must go through a little dirt. There, in the dirt of environments and society and, even Lord, in your church, we grow and receive nutrients from the dirt. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Help us hear you in the silence. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Hear our prayer.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me,” vs. 1, 2 #438

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the teaching of Christ: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love another.” In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children,

as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 50:20

²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous^[a] by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring,^[b] heirs according to the promise.

SERMON

Rev. Stewart Smith

ANTHEM

“Called As Partners In Christ’s Service”

#761

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and
worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer,
poorer, all God’s people, young and old, blending
human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other’s
burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of
challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free
and fair.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostle’s Creed

Video

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, you are bigger than big, larger than large and more awesome than awesome can describe. We gather to give you thanks for your presence in our lives and for your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. We gather to thank you for each of our stages of life to which we can liken to that of a flower. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

God, some of us are like the seed in need of automatic transformation, not knowing what we are to become but knowing and trusting you and your infinite wisdom, believing that we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds. God, some of us are still caught up in acknowledging that we must go through a little dirt. There, in the dirt of environments and society and, even Lord, in your church, we grow and receive nutrients from the dirt. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We expand and grow developing stems, and leaves that help provide nutrients for our growth. Lord, we promise to become beautiful blooms that continue to grow while producing pollen. May our pollen be our way of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ in places that only the vast wind of the Holy Spirit can carry us. Let us spread the good news in places that will germinate new seeds for growth. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

O God, let our bloom produce a scent that attracts others. Let our scent be our testimony to tell of your saving grace through the love of Jesus Christ. Lord, we know a scent will remain long after a bloom has been removed. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we know that flowers are picked for their beauty and placed in places that are not their natural habitat. Help us, O God, when we are picked to continue to be as beautiful as we can, for as long as we can in places that need the beauty of your presence. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

O Great God, we are grateful for you, your love, your Holy Spirit and Your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray say,

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Today we offer ourselves and our gifts to God in gratitude for God’s faithfulness to us. At Pentecost we participate in the denominational offering for children at risk, youth and young adults. You can give by leaving a gift in the plate as we exit the sanctuary, or mailing a gift to the church address or giving online through our webpage. Your offerings make it possible to reach out to those in need—physical, mental, spiritual or financial—please tell our elder for Congregational Care Mary Henry, or Rev. Marie if you or those you love are in need of help.

*Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” #609
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

“May the Peace of Christ be with you.” **“And also with you.”**

HYMN OF SENDING “In Christ There Is No East Or West” #317

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“Please remain seated for the Called Congregational Meeting”

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

“Faith Of Our Fathers”

Br. Andee Book