

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 26, 2022



Park Hill
PRESBYTERIAN

"WHAT DOES THE LORD
REQUIRE OF YOU?"

BE FRUITFUL

REV. MARIE

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LUKE 9:51-62 AND GAL. 5:1, 13-25

Celebrating Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 26, 2022, 11am

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**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 "What Does The Lord Require of You" #70 Annabel

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Communion next Sunday, July 3rd
2. Sunday, July 10th, church potluck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has set us free

Free to serve

Free to welcome and include

Free to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Let us worship God with thanksgiving and praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Here I Am To Worship"

Light up the world, You step down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You hope of a life spent with You

And here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God You're altogether lovely,

Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above Humbly you came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor And here I am to worship, Here I am to

bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God You're altogether lovely,

Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

No I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross

CALL TO CONFESSION AND CONFESSION

In Galatians, Paul lays out the ways our desires lead us to oppose the Spirit. Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these sins before our God.

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness, but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. **Set us free in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS "Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

#418

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,

watching for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. **Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING

Luke 9:51-62 NRSV

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"^[a] ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then^[b] they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." ⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Galatians 5:1

5 So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Galatians 5:13-26

¹³ For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. ¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."^[a] ¹⁵ But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. ¹⁸ But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

SERMON "What does the Lord require of you? Fruitfulness"

Rev. Marie

*ANTHEM "What Does The Lord Require Of You?"

#70

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Friends, as we gather to pray for ourselves and for the world, let us also use the words of Psalm 16 verse 1, responding each time as a body, Help us O God, “**Set us free in Jesus Christ.**”

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge (Psalm 16:1).

We are lost without you, God. Protect us from ourselves, our idolatrous ways, the violence we perpetrate, the destruction we fail to prevent, the breaking of our bonds of fellowship. Our power is nothing compared to yours. We seek your guidance through Word and worship. We pray for the Spirit to lead us in the path of righteousness. We seek our freedom in Jesus Christ. **Help us O God, “Set us free in Jesus Christ.”**

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows (Psalm 16:1).

God of our ancestors, who worshiped golden idols when distraught, help us to heed the warnings of our biblical stories. We place idols above you and prioritize self-centered concerns over sacred. We mythologize our nation as a land of the free, refusing to hear your condemnation and critique. Our sorrows multiply when we fail to heed your truth. Help us O God, “**Set us free in Jesus Christ.**”

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot (Psalm 16:1).

Good God of grace, we choose you and return to you today. You have set a table before us, and we gladly accept your welcome. Your portion and your cup fill us as nothing else in this world can. As your guests, we give thanks for your acceptance, your inclusion and your overwhelming love. At your table, may we be freed to love others as you have loved us. Help us O God, “**Set us free in Jesus Christ.**”

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:1).

Prince of Peace, our world is broken by violence, our relationships severed by grief. We lament the ways of our world that lead to death. We revel in your path of life. In your presence we know the fullness of joy. Renew us, Great God, in this moment of worship, so we can tread your path, and labor in your field. Grow your kingdom here on earth. Start with us, we pray. Help us O God, “**Set us free in Jesus Christ.**”

In your mercy, Beloved God, hear these prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ, saying,

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*” #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN OF SENDING “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart,” vs 1, 4, 5 #688

Spirit of God, descent upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; The baptism of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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