



A Service for the Worship of God
Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION

- *Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.*

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Josh Sweeney, Director of Children's Ministries

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship God,

All: who brings meaning and purpose to our lives.

One: We are anointed with joy and light –

All: gifts from the treasures of God's heart.

One: Jesus sends us into the brokenness of the world

All: to bring healing and hope.

One: Let us open our hearts to the holy movement of the Spirit

All: as we seek to live in ways that bear witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn # 327

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

verses 1 and 2

See next page.

Unison

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Confession

God of new beginnings, we realize that we hold on to the baggage of the past when we need to let it go. It is difficult for us to take the healing risk of forgiveness. Even when we realize that our behavior is destructive to us and to others, we have a hard time moving in a different direction. We say that we want to follow Jesus, but we can be hesitant to go where people are suffering, and too self-absorbed to notice the lonely or hurting neighbor who needs our time and attention. Gracious God, forgive us and open us to the new thing you wish to do in and through our life's journey. By the power of your Spirit, enlarge our capacity for generosity, gratitude, and unselfish love.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Through Jesus Christ, God forgives us and loves us into a new way of being.

**All: We are freed to be kind to one another,
to forgive one another, and even to forgive ourselves.**

One: All who are in Christ are a new creation.

**All: The old has passed away; behold the new has come.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Response to Forgiveness “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Hymn 645, verse 1

The organist will play it once. Then we will sing it.

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.**

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

Rev. Laura Nile

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is God that has made us, and we belong to God;
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:5a, 7-14

Rev. Laura Nile

Then 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:

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.

Anthem

"The Summons"
Ruth Whatley, soloist

by John L. Bell

Sermon

"Traveling Lightly"

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Responding to God's Word

***Profession of Faith**

(Adapted from A Brief Confession of Faith)

In life and death, we belong to God. We trust in one God, the Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the powers of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and sets us free to accept ourselves, and to love God and neighbor. In gratitude to God we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come Lord Jesus!

Hymn # 295

“Go to the World!”

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Presentation of Offerings

If you would like to give online, please go to www.sminster.com/give where you can give once or set-up a reoccurring monthly offering to the church.

*Presentation Hymn # 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” *verse 1 only*

Soloist will sing it once. Congregation will join her to sing the 1st verse a second time.

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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.

See next page.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found,
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Benediction**Postlude**