

Bulletin for August 29, 2021 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude ***On Holy Ground*** (by Dani Lemieux)

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany

WL: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

C: Who may dwell on your holy hill?

WL: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

C: and speak the truth from their heart;

WL: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 15

Gathering Music

Gather Us In (ELW #532)

**1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

(A time for personal confession and reflection.)

P: Eternal God our creator and redeemer,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's grace has been poured into our hearts, creating them anew, through the Holy Spirit. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for you while you were still a sinner; and for his sake, God forgives all your sins. As a called and ordained minister in the Christ of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

WL: Let us pray.

C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

First Lesson **Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9**

Second Lesson **James 1: 17-27**

Children's Sermon

Gospel **Mark 7: 1-23**

(Before) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

Music of the Day

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Verse 1

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures (*Chorus x2*)**

Confession of Faith..... Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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.

Prayers of the People

WL: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

Sending

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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