

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2020 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

Prelude Prelude #7 by Chopin
 Played by Lisa Maras

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—

People: outsiders and insiders,

Pastor: old-timers and new-comers,

People: the young, old and the in-between.

Pastor: Come as you are,

People: for this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people,

Pastor: and God welcomes each one who comes.

*Hymn of Praise – (BH #399) What a Friend We Have In Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you
you will find a solace there.

Invocation

WORD

Scripture Readings (Kay Shannon)

Psalm 133 (MSG)

133 ¹⁻³ How wonderful, how beautiful,
when brothers and sisters get along!
It's like costly anointing oil
flowing down head and beard,
Flowing down Aaron's beard,
flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.
It's like the dew on Mount Hermon
flowing down the slopes of Zion.
Yes, that's where GOD commands the blessing,
ordains eternal life.

Matthew 15:1-20

15 Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, ² "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!"

³ Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' ⁵ But you say that if anyone declares that what

might have been used to help their father or mother is 'devoted to God,' ⁶ they are not to 'honor their father or mother' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. ⁷ You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

⁸ "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

⁹ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. ¹¹ What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

¹³ He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴ Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

¹⁵ Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

¹⁶ "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷ "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

***Gloria Patri (BH# 109)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation – (BH #74) Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord
has done for us. (2x)
Give thanks!

Message

"What marks our identity?" Pastor Alicia Reese

RESPONSE

Hymn of Response – (BH #593) In Christ There is No East or West (vs. 1,3,4)

1. 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.

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

4. 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.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to what you would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries. Forgive us, O Lord. We know that you do not want us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions. We make no excuses, for none would suffice. We ask your forgiveness and blessing, turning us again around and placing us on the path of compassion and peace. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Let us take a time of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: You have reached out for the Lord, seeking God's healing power. It is given to you through God's awesome love. Receive the love of God. Reach out to others with that same compassion. AMEN.

***Passing of the Peace**

SENDING

Offering

Online Giving

Offertory *Here I Am to Worship*

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below'
praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn – (BH #657) Thanks to God My Redeemer**

1.Thanks to God for my Redeemer, thanks for all thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry, thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime, thanks for dark and dreary fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten, thanks for peace within my soul!

2.Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered, thanks for what thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered, thanks for all thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure, thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure, thanks for love beyond compare!

3.Thanks for roses by the wayside, thanks for thorns their stems

contain!

Thanks for home and thanks for fireside, thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!

Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow, thanks for heav'nly peace with thee!

Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, thanks through all eternity!

***Benediction**

Postlude

Reverie by Debussy

Played by Lisa Maras

**Please rise in body or spirit*



For those wondering how they can engage and respond to the killing of George Floyd and so many others, civil unrest, and anti-black racism in our nation, the Love Mercy, Do Justice initiative of the Evangelical Covenant Church has created the following resource:
<https://covchurch.org/justice/engage-and-respond/>

We encourage everyone to check it out and consider how God is calling you to engage and respond.

Prayer Concerns

Diane Bajner, Ashley Brandenburg (Barb Bailey's granddaughter), Barbara Dorl, Janice Goetz, Kendra Goetz, Pattie Guldberg (Pastor Alicia's mother), Arline Mueller, Arlene Sladek, Larry Thomas, Faith Valido.

The Coronavirus continues its spread; we pray for our Trinity Church Family, friends, community, healthcare workers, first responders, and leaders, for their courage, strength, endurance, and grace.

We pray for those suffering the loss of a family member or friend due to COVID, those who are ill or recovering from the virus, and the many individuals struggling from job loss and much needed income.

We continue our prayers for the health and safety of all Illinoisans and our communities in Phase 4 of "Restore Illinois".

Notes of Interest

TODAY

6:30 PM - Trinity on the Green

Tonight at 6:30 P.M. we invite all of you who feel comfortable to gather with us and worship at our **fourth Trinity on the Green (weather permitting)**. We look forward to sharing with you an evening of music, testimony, prayer, and a brief homily given by Pastor Alicia. Please bring a blanket and/or chair(s) to sit in and we will gather on the west lawn.

Please bring a mask (we have some if you don't). Since we are outdoors, you do not need to wear a mask if a distance of 6ft or more is maintained during the service. If you would like to socialize before or after the service (and we encourage you to do so!), please wear a mask if a 6-foot distance cannot be maintained. Also, we ask that you please wear a mask if you go indoors to use the restroom, etc.

We look forward to a time together worshipping and fellowshiping with you all.

In Jesus,
Pastor Alicia and Pastor Mark

Rev. Mark Westlind, SENIOR PASTOR
Pastor Alicia Reese, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
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