

July 5, 2020- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME:

OPENING SENTENCES: (based on Psalm 145:8-14)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

*Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

The Lord is good to all,

*And His compassion is over all that He has made.*

All the works of the Lord shall give thanks to the Lord,

*All God's faithful shall bless the Lord.*

PRAYER:

HYMN:

“O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

1. *Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to*  
2. *shining sea.*
2. *Oh, beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress a thoroughfare of freedom beat across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.*
3. *Oh, beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.*
4. *Oh, beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to*  
*shining sea.*

ADMITTING HOW THINGS REALLY ARE WITH US:

*Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our families, and our communities. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

SILENCE:

In grace, Jesus Christ carries our burdens and renews our souls.

*With mercy, Jesus Christ shoulders the load with us to strengthen our lives.*

In Christ our sins are forgiven and we are freed to serve in Jesus' name.

*In Christ our sins are forgiven and we are freed for new and everlasting life. Alleluia! Amen!*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Glory Be To The Father"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

*Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions. Receive us as your weary children. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word. Amen.*

FIRST READING:

Genesis 24:34-38; 42-49; 58-67

<sup>34</sup> So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup> The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup> And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup> My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup> but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' <sup>42</sup> "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup> I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' <sup>44</sup> and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' <sup>45</sup> "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' <sup>46</sup> She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup> Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup> Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup> Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." <sup>58</sup> And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." <sup>59</sup> So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup> And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads, may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." <sup>61</sup> Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. <sup>62</sup> Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup> Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup> And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup> and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup> And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup> Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

MESSAGE:

"The Promise Gains Momentum"

The Rev. David Koehler

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

*Gracious Creator, you have laced our lives with blessing. As we present these offerings, we also present our lives. Make us your bold and faithful people, willing to go forward in faith wherever you would lead us, that we might be a comfort in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, by the gift of your empowering Spirit. Amen.*

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

INVITATION:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (debts and debtors)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Look, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world. Look, the Cup of Salvation is poured out for our forgiveness and mercy. The gifts of God for the people of God. Take, eat, drink, be at peace.

SHARING THE FEAST:

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:

*Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our loving Parent, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.*

HYMN:

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

1. *How clear is our vocation Lord, when once we heed Your Call: to live according to Your Word, and daily learn refreshed restored, that You are Lord of all and will not let us fall.*
2. *But if, forgetful we should find Your Yoke is hard to bear, if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.*
3. *We mark Your saints, how they became in hindrances more sure, whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear Your Name, and by our faults obscure Your Power to cleanse and cure.*
4. *In what You give us, Lord to do, together or alone, in old routines and ventures new, may we not cease to look to You- The cross You hung upon- all You endeavoured done*

CLOSING SENTENCES:

Sisters and brothers, sin distorts even the good gifts of God:

*the law, the church, our own desires—*

but this need not lead us to despair,

*for God's love has overcome, is overcoming, will overcome sin's power at work in the world.*

May God who brings good from broken desires, Christ who shares his yoke with us, Spirit which breathes wisdom into our hearts sustain and guide us this day and every day.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER MEMBERS** Rev Lowell & Reta Johnson, Roger & Cindy Johnson, Lynn Kelly, Dave & Sherry Koehler, Daren & Sophia Koehler & family, Darrell Krommenhoek

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS** Susan Delfs(7/5), Adam Chmielewski(7/7), Marilyn Blatchford(7/8), Sid Hoover(7/8), Ryan Osborn(7/8), Mike Schmith(7/11)

**THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES** Richard & Mary Delfs(7/5)