



# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**10 AM**

**July 12, 2020**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after 2 pm*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude *Selections from Water Music and Royal Fireworks – G.F. Handel*  
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN - 412

*Earth and all stars*

1. Earth and all stars,  
loud rushing planets,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
O victory, loud shouting army,  
sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him  
with a new song!

2. Hail, wind, and rain,  
loud blowing snowstorms,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees,  
loud rustling leaves,  
sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him  
with a new song!

3. Trumpet and pipes,  
loud clashing cymbals,  
sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre,  
loud humming cellos,  
sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him  
with a new song!

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

#### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:105-112

*Said in unison*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

*Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.*

Organ Voluntary

Mr. Greg Sesek

THE NICENE CREED

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**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant*

Mercifully receive our prayers, O God, that we may know your ways and follow where you lead, responding, *Hear us Lord.*

For those who are seeking a spiritual home, that they may be inspired to seek a faith community and receive a deep sense of God's presence as they explore what is stirring inside them; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

That we may be set free from the need to claim our worthiness through possessions and position, so that we may discover our true identity in the life and hope of the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Guide the leaders of our Church, diocese and congregation that there may be mutual respect across, and a renewed sense of partnership in bringing God's Kingdom into the most troubled corners of our neighborhoods and nations; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Encourage our civic leaders to modify their convictions with compromise, that there may be a renewal of hope for those who live in poverty, unemployment, and lack of education opportunities; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Reveal the unfolding beauty of creation, the uniqueness of seasons, and the joy and wonder of your handicraft, that we may delight in guarding these gifts; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Hold in your arms of mercy for the ill, poor, hungry, oppressed, and those impacted by COVID-19. We ask for your prayers especially for those on our parish prayer list: Sally, Avery, Deryk, Lorraine, Debbie, Elizabeth, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Mary Rose, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Steve, Joyce, Hayley, Paul, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Theresa, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Becky, Joe, the

Smith family, David, Ralph, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, Mark, the Jackson family, Charles, and Steve W.; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

We thank you for the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays including Emily; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Gracious God, give to the departed eternal rest in your loving arms; Let us pray;  
*Hear us Lord.* We especially remember and give thanks for the life of Carol and Mary Lou, friends of Larry and Susan.

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we  
have sinned against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done, and by  
what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we  
may delight in your will, and walk in  
your ways, to the glory of your Name.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another virtually with a sign of God's peace.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond,  
**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

**God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

HYMN - 530

*Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

1 Spread, O spread, almighty word,  
spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
where the breath of God has given  
life to people meant for heaven.

5 Up! the ripening fields you see,  
mighty will the harvest be;  
but the reapers still are few,  
great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, kind and true,  
give us strength to work for you,  
till the nations everywhere  
see your light, and know your care.

Verses 5 & 6 from *Together in Song: Australian Hymn Book II*, published 1999

Postlude

*Selections from Water Music and Royal Fireworks* – G.F. Handel  
Mr. Greg Seseck

### **Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood**

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey  
Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseck  
Tech Support: Anne Wismer

*Thank you for joining us for our virtual worship this morning. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.*

*If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

### **This Week @ Sherwood**

***Monday***

Office closed

***Tuesday***

UCAN Board Meeting (Mother Nancy) @ 4 pm

***Wednesday***

Bible 101 via Zoom @ 12 to 1:15 pm

## Announcements

### **Did You Fill Out Your Questionnaires?**

I hope you completed the questionnaires that were sent out last Sunday and if not, please do. Here are the links:

#### *Reopening*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7CSV35R>

#### *COVID-19 Communications*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7RT2D97>

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FILL OUT BOTH. The results will help us when the COVID-19 task force reconvenes to discuss moving into the [Orange Phase](#) for worship (a very modified and limited re-gathering for Sunday worship). Thank you to those who already filled out the questionnaires. We will be mailing copies of the questionnaire to our members who don't have computer access, or if you would prefer a written copy, please [e-mail Carey Mednick](#) to request one. **RESPONSES ARE DUE SUNDAY, JULY 12!** Thank you!

### **Drive by Sherwood for Fresh Flowers!**

Starting this Sunday, we will put simple bouquets together for pick up following Sunday worship. Mother Nancy will still deliver flowers to those who cannot get to Sherwood. But for those of you who want to hop in your car and come down to the church on Sunday *after* 11:15 am, we will be ready to hand you a bouquet. Please come wearing face masks. You will not need to get out of your car. If you are interested, please email [Mother Nancy](#) or call 301-606-8447 before Sunday morning. Thank you Kimberly Hoffman of [Kimberly's Farm Flowers](#) for supplying us with the flowers.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of 1 – 2 volunteers to assist in making sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes on July 24 @ Clynmalira Methodist Church in Phoenix. We will begin at 9:30 AM and end between 11:30 AM – 12: 30 PM. Good carvers are especially needed as we have 3 large spiral hams that need to be sliced for 160 sandwiches. The number of volunteers is limited because of physical distancing. Volunteers will need to supply their own masks and transportation to the event. Gloves and head coverings will be provided. Please consider helping us provide a bagged lunch for the many clients of Loaves and Fishes continues to serve throughout the pandemic. Contact [Joyce Mann](#) to sign up or get more information. Thank you!

### **Financially Supporting your Community of Faith:**

While we may not be gathering in person, the work of the church has not stopped

since the stay-at-home order. Please keep this in mind and if you are able continue your pledge to Sherwood, thank you! Contributing to Sherwood is seamless--just [go to our website](#) to donate online. Or if you prefer, mailed checks will be processed biweekly. Carey checks the mail several times a week. Your commitment to Sherwood is greatly appreciated.

### **Our Annual Meeting Has Not Been Forgotten!**

Every year we schedule our Annual Meeting in late March. This year was no exception. Unfortunately, we didn't anticipate COVID-19 turning everything upside down. The Vestry and Mother Nancy are still committed to having an Annual Meeting and so we will have a "Mid-Year Annual Meeting" on Sunday, August 16. We will do it by Zoom immediately following the service. Mark your calendars, more information to come.