

# 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12th, 2020

9 am



*God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.*

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## Useful Links

- [Prayer Request Form](#)
- [Ministry Connections](#)
- [Live Stream](#)
- [Giving Information](#)

## Prelude

## Welcome

*IN GOD'S NAME we welcome atheists, cynics, doubters, seekers, and believers of all stripes; gays and straights; conservatives, progressives, and independents; wealthy and poor; individuals and every sort of family; scoundrels, rascals, jerks, self-righteous, and sinners of all types; those who are broken, lost, and hopeless. ALL are welcome, as we are, in order that ALL may be transformed by God in Christ.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Gathering Song**

*Please follow along with the live stream.*

### **Apostolic Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Isaiah 55:10-13**

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Response Song**

*Please follow along with the live stream.*

## **Romans 8:1-11**

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Please follow along with the live stream.*

## **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Repeat Alleluia - Please follow along with the live stream.*

Sermon

Song of the Day

Ministry Connections

Apostle's Creed

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, care for all who are in need (especially). For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries (especially) and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died (especially Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, whom we commemorate today). Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Gathering of Gifts**

*We thank everyone who gives today through "Simply Giving" (online), Give+" (phone app), "Give by Text." You can find the link to those resources [here](#).*

## **Musical Offering**

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

## **Sending Song**

*Please follow along with the live stream.*

## **Blessing**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**



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