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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

July 4, 2021

10:00am

6th Sunday after Pentecost

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the day dawns anew,

So do our spirits.

As our community gathers,

So does our joy.

As God's love awakens us,

Our hearts become one. Let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER

God the creator, God of the cross, you show your power in whirling galaxies and unseen forces. You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Drive out the evils that threaten to break our spirits and help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN: #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Threats to life pierce us and cause us to doubt God's love. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Let us confess our sins and receive new life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Terri McDowell Ott in The Presbyterian Outlook

Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us, God. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe this good news: Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary, Son of the Most High God, was broken and poured out for our salvation. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

2 Corinthians 12:2–10 Mark 6:1–13

SERMON:

The Rev. Leslie Latham

THE APOSTLES' CREED

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Triune God, we thank you for the suffering love of Jesus Christ, and for your presence with us in times of joy and of sorrow, sickness and health, faithfulness and brokenness. We bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and as tools in the ministry of the church. Use them and us to make known the good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: #740 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

CHARGE

Show the love of God in all you do. Be faithful witnesses to the grace of Jesus Christ.
Live in the power and joy of the Holy Spirit.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Lord Now Sends us Forth"

Hymns

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women richer poorer, all God's people young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense.
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith thus giving, hope and confidence and peace.

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way, for if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain