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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

Second Sunday After Pentecost

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10:00 am

PRELUDE

I'll Fly Away

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female:
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
We are children of God through faith.

GATHERING PRAYER

Living God,
you call us to yourself so that we may live in wholeness
with ourselves and our neighbors. Unchain your people
and set us free to rejoice in your saving word, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

HYMN: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus #465

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and gracious God,
we walk in a way that is not good.
We follow our own devices.
We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors.
Do not turn away from us, O God,
but hear our cry for blessing.
Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit.
Guide us into your light
so that we may walk in your way. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom.
In full assurance of justification by grace through faith,
by the authority of God's beloved Son,
I declare to you the absolute forgiveness of all your sins.
In the name of the blessed Trinity, One God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Isaiah 65:1-9

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' ² All day long I have held out my Hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—
³ a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; ⁴ who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of impure meat; ⁵ who say, 'Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!' Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day.

⁶ "See, it stands written before me:

I will not keep silent but will pay back in full; I will pay it back into their laps— ⁷ both your sins and the sins of your ancestors," says the LORD. "Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains and defied me on the hills, I will measure into their laps the full payment for their former deeds." ⁸ This is what the LORD says: "As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and people say, 'Don't destroy it, there is still a blessing in it,' so will I do in behalf of my servants; I will not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live.

SERMON:

Elder William Welch, IV

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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.

THE OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these gifts, O God, we remember with thanksgiving the life that we have because of you. Make us grateful every day for the privilege of offering ourselves for the well-being of all your world. Amen.

***HYMN:** *Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love) #693*

CHARGE

Go in peace to care for those who cross your path,
to give voice to those who need your help,
to notice what is beautiful and what is amiss,
to counter injustice and guard what is good, and
to rest and work, mindful of God's desire
for your health and faith.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

We would like to thank Elder William Welch, IV for sharing his gifts with us today.

HYMNS

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #465

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything 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 every 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 thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

“Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)” #693

- 1 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.
- 2 Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
- 3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; and spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.