

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessings so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Assurance"

arr. Janet Linker

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Stephanie Huddleston

Introit "Psalm 98"

Daniel Schutte, 1972

(refrain) Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah!
Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound. (refrain)

***Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 33:1-5)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;

People: Sing to God a new song!

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright,

People: And all God's work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: Our God loves righteousness and justice;

People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord!

***Hymn**

“Great is thy Faithfulness”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, “Why?” “Why them?” “Even them?!” We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn**

“As the Deer”

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Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Choir Anthem “The Lord's Prayer”

Colin Brumby, 2009

Our Father which art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Desperate Faith!”

Pastor Steve Watters

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn**

“I Will Come to You”

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Prayers of the People and 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.

Recognition of Jeffrey Schrock's Graduation

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

Doxology

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***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God's People

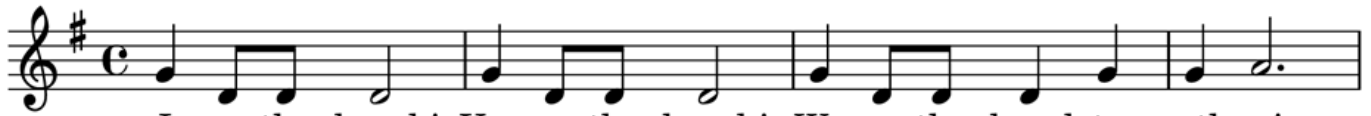
*Closing Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response

"We Are the Church"



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!



All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth-er!

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*Postlude "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

arr. Anna Laura Page

Pastor: Steven A. Watters

Liturgist: Joyce Lloyd

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Darren Cox

Joyce Lloyd and her husband, Tom, moved from Pittsburgh, PA to London, OH in 1974. They had just graduated from college and were newlyweds. Joyce and Tom were anxious to start their new life together and to start new jobs. London turned out to be a very welcoming town. They were able to find new friends and a new church family.

Joyce has a twin sister, an older sister, and an older brother, who live across the US, giving them a chance to visit some beautiful cities. Joyce is fortunate to have her brother-in-law, John, and sister-in-law, Margaret, living nearby.

Retirement is the best job Joyce has ever had, allowing her to enjoy more time with Tom, their dog, Sasha, and their cat, Meow Mix. Even in retirement there never seems to be enough time to be involved in as many volunteer projects as she would like. Joyce enjoys her time with friends, and being outside walking the dog or working in the yard. Goal in life: "Make me an instrument of your peace."