



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, KS

Prelude

In Christ There is No East or West
Arr. Cherwien / Sheryl Daniels

Welcome and Announcements

Pat Thomblison

Call to Worship

We wait with hope,
for God's promises are sure.
We wait with patience,
for God's time is a mystery.
Come and worship.
We will wait upon the Lord together.

*Hymn No. 435 vv. 1 & 2

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

**2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.**

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which, God already knows.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Patient, loving God, when we are groaning and griping, comfort us and forgive our shortcomings. When we are doubting and afraid, comfort us and reveal your promises to us. Help us trust with hope, and wait with patience, even as you patiently love us with your mercy and your grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

We have this hope: God's promises are sure, and Christ's mercy is ours. All is well. All will be well.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Harvesting God, as we listen to your Word, by your Holy Spirit lead our hearts in the way everlasting.

Amen

First Lesson

Romans 8:12–25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Special Music

The Swan

S. Saens / Karl Page, Guest Cellist

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

***Hymn No. 833 vv. 1-3**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

**1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.**

**2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.**

**3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.**

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

God blesses us that we might carry that blessing into the world. Let us give with grateful hearts

Offertory

Pastorale
C. Wesley / Sheryl Daniels

Doxology Hymn No. 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

God of ancient times and future hope, we bring these gifts to bless your world with hope. Please bless these gifts, that they may be a blessing to others. And bless us with patience and faith, that we may bring hope to a hurting world. Amen.

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.

Hymn No. 531 vs. 1-3

Seed Gathered and Sown

Refrain (All):

**Seed, scattered and sown;
wheat, gathered and grown;
bread, broken and shared as one,
the living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land;
wine, work of our hands;
one cup that is shared by all,
the living cup, the living bread of God.**

**1 Is not the bread we break
a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless**

the blood of Christ outpoured? (Refrain)

**2 The seed which falls on rock
will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground
will flower and have life. (Refrain)**

**3 As wheat upon the hills
was gathered and was grown,
so may the church of God
be gathered into one. (Refrain)**

Charge and Blessing

May patience pave our path. May hope comfort our world. And may love guide our lives. Go with patience, hope, and love.

Postlude

Mighty to Save
B. Fielding~R. Morgan / Jaron Marcus

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Pat Thomblison, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music

Sheryl Daniels, Organ

Jaron Marcus, Keyboardist

Karl Page, Cellist-Special Music

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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