



# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
10 AM

August 16, 2020  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after 2 pm*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Introit

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* - Clarke  
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

## THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN - 410

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

2. Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

4. Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five

more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

*Said in unison*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## ALLELUIA



### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

ALLELUIA

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two systems of staves. The top system is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia." The bottom system is a piano accompaniment, also in G major and 4/4 time, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

*Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.*

Organ Voluntary

Mr. Greg Sesek

THE NICENE CREED

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**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### *Celebrant*

Mercifully receive our prayers, O God, that we may know your ways and follow where you lead, responding, *Hear us Lord.*

For those who are seeking a spiritual home, that they may be inspired to seek a faith community and receive a deep sense of God's presence as they explore what is stirring inside them; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

That we may be set free from the need to claim our worthiness through possessions and position, so that we may discover our true identity in the life and hope of the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Guide the leaders of our Church, diocese and congregation that there may be mutual respect across, and a renewed sense of partnership in bringing God's Kingdom into the most troubled corners of our neighborhoods and nations; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Encourage our civic leaders to modify their convictions with compromise, that there may be a renewal of hope for those who live in poverty, unemployment, and lack of education opportunities; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Reveal the unfolding beauty of creation, the uniqueness of seasons, and the joy and wonder of your handicraft, that we may delight in guarding these gifts; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Hold in your arms of mercy for the ill, poor, hungry, oppressed, and those impacted by COVID-19. We ask for your prayers especially for those on our parish prayer list: Sally, Avery, Deryk, Lorraine, Debbie, Elizabeth, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Mary Rose, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Steve, Joyce, Hayley, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Becky, Joe, the Smith family, David, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, Mark, the Jackson family, Charles, Steve W., Pam, Denise, Joan, Michelle, Joe G., Carole, Rosalie, Hannah, Tom, Jay, Joell, and Bishop Ilhoff; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays including Renee, and anniversaries including Joyce and Don, Bill and Heather, and Larry and Susan; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Gracious God, give to the departed eternal rest in your loving arms; let us pray;

*Hear us Lord.*

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP pg. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we  
have sinned against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done, and by  
what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we**

**may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another virtually with a sign of God's peace.*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond,  
**Amen.**

#### DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

**God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions!**



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

HYMN - 539

*O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling*

1. O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

2. Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love:  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that we might live above. [Refrain]

Postlude

Mr. Greg Seseck

**Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood**

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseck

Soloist: Cassidy Dixon

Broadcast Engineer: Kevin Hennessey

*Thank you for joining us for our virtual worship this morning. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.*

*If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

## This Week @ Sherwood

### *Sunday*

Annual Gathering via Zoom @ 11 am

Youth Book Study @ 11:45 am

### *Monday*

Office Closed

### *Tuesday*

Campus Imperatives Meeting via Zoom @ 3 pm

### *Sunday*

Youth Book Study @ 11:30 am

## Announcements

### **Annual Meeting Made Anew:**

This Sunday, Mother Nancy and the vestry will host a Zoom Meeting to connect with all of you! It will not be our typical Annual Meeting that we hold each March, but it will be an opportunity for the leadership of Sherwood to provide you with the State of the Parish. It will begin at 11 am and it will be an opportunity to hear what is going on and also for you to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you.

Here is the link to the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87451671834?pwd=WnZaVkYrYVpibkcwTFBjTHQwZlFJdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5167 1834

Passcode: 228659

Here is the link to the annual report:

<https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/2019-annual-report/>

If you would like a copy of the financials mailed to you, please contact Carey Mednick.

### **UCAN Reopening**

Beginning Wednesday, August 26, UCAN will reopen one day per week. In accordance with CDC guidelines, UCAN has PPE, enhanced cleaning, and protective plexiglass in the office. Contactless assistance for clients is being offered by clicking on this link: <https://form.jotform.com/202204648732148>

Forms for volunteers including a self checklist and reopening procedures can be found on the Sherwood website by visiting <https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/resources/>

### **Youth Book Study Continues:**

We got off to a great start with five youth participating in our book study, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. We explored some themes such as, temptation; feeding of others/sharing food; Edmund's cowardly actions; and how the light in the lamppost is a symbol of the light of Christ in the world. Kathleen Schotto, who led last week's discussion, was wowed by the insights and thoughts of everyone. This Sunday we will gather via Zoom at 11:45 am to accommodate our Annual Gathering. Come ready to participate!

### **The Results Are In!**

Thank you to everyone for sharing your thoughts about the possibility of re-gathering for worship and how we can best keep everyone connected. Carey Mednick provided the vestry with the results and Mother Nancy will provide a summary for you at our Annual Gathering this Sunday.

### **Thank You! Thank You!**

Mother Nancy wants to thank everyone who enabled her to have a two-week staycation. Thank you to Jack and Jane Turnbull for leading Morning Prayer on Sunday, August 2; to Carey Mednick for keeping the inner workings of Sherwood moving; to our tech crew of one, Anne Wismer, who made the service virtual; to Cassidy our soloist and Greg our music director for blessing us with music. All of you contributed so much to ensuring the larger Sherwood community could worship while Mother Nancy was on vacation. Thank you!

### **The Traditional Phone Tree Kept Us Connected:**

At the onset of the pandemic, Mother Nancy asked a group of parishioners if they would be willing to call members of the congregation each week to touch base. Thankfully they said YES! Since March, every parishioner either received a phone call, text message, email or handwritten note from this group of faithful parishioners. Now this ministry will come to a close. If there is a need to start it up again, we will, but for now this group of callers can take a rest. Thank you to Anne Wismer (phone coordinator), Stephanie Everts, Sheila Fitzgerald, Suzie Merryman, and Kathleen Stewart for keeping everyone connected. You made a difference to so many!

### **Would You Like Some Flowers?**

Bouquets made from our altar flowers will be available this week after the service until 1 pm. Please stop by and wear your mask if you'd like to pick one up!

**Your Financial Contribution Matters:**

Please continue as you are able to financially support Sherwood. We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. You may now contribute online via our website. Go [HERE](#) to check it out. Or if you would prefer, mail in your contribution. We are checking the mail regularly and depositing any checks. Thank you!