



# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
10 AM

September 6, 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

*Come Sunday* – Duke Ellington  
Cassidy Dixon, soprano  
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

Come Sunday, oh, come Sunday, that's the day.  
Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love,  
please look down and see my people through.  
I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.  
I don't mind the gray skies,  
'cause they're just clouds passing by.  
Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high.  
*Do unto others as you would have them do to you,*  
and have a brighter by and by.  
I believe God is now, was then, and always will be.  
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

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.**

1 O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
upon the altar of my heart.

2 There let it for thy glory burn  
with ever bright, undying blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*

let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains \*

and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

### ALLELUIA

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

ALLELUIA



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 Meditation

*Ubi caritas (Taize')*  
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, Lorraine, Debbie, Elizabeth, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Steve, Joyce, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Becky, Joe, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, Mark, Steve W., Pam, Denise, Joan, Michelle, Joe G., Carole, Rosalie, Hannah, Tom, Jay, Joell, Stan, and the Beavers family; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

On this Labor Day we honor our workers, particularly during this time of COVID-19, that they may receive a fair wage, a safe working environment, the companionship of fellow workers, and the respect of those who exercise authority over them; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays including Bill; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Gracious God, give to the departed eternal rest in your loving arms. We especially remember and give thanks for the life of Christopher Dols, dear son of former Sherwood rector the Rev. Tim and Mrs. Anne Dols; 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

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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.*

## BLESSING OF SCHOOL COMPUTERS

*Let us pray*

Gracious Lord, we find ourselves in a time of great change and uncertainty. Nothing has remained untouched by the pandemic.

As our children and young adults begin their online education experience, keep them safe and open to the wonder of learning. We ask you to bless their computers that will allow them to be connected and engaged with their teachers and

classmates. Let the computers be instruments for the purpose of discovery, knowledge and understanding.

Hold gently in your arms all parents who juggle the needs of their family. Help them to be gentle with themselves as they navigate the work and educational demands of everyone in their household.

Lord, grant patience and guidance to all educators who strive to bring the best out in their students and themselves.

We ask this all in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

*Brother, sister, let me serve you*

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

Postlude

Mr. Greg Seseck

**Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood**

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseck

Soloist: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Greg Szymaszek

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

*The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Bill and Karyn Galetto  
from the garden of Tim Galetto*

*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

*Monday*

Office Closed

*Wednesday*

Vestry Meeting via Zoom @ 6 pm

*Thursday*

Mother Nancy Office Hours (E-mail or call her to make an appt.)

### Announcements

#### **Blessing of School Computers:**

During this unprecedented time, we've all had to think outside of the box, or beyond the backpack in this instance. This Sunday, we will include a Blessing of School Computers in our service to mark the start of the virtual school year.

#### **Did You Know?**

Over the past several months, our worship service has been adapted because of COVID-19. Since March, we have been following the Liturgy of the Word but have omitted the Liturgy of the Table (also known as the Eucharist). This means we have maintained the first part of our traditional Sunday worship that includes scripture, prayers, a sermon, and the reciting of the Nicene Creed and Confession. Starting on Sunday, September 20 we will be reinstating the Liturgy of the Table. It will be spiritual communion, meaning that Mother Nancy will consecrate and consume the elements on behalf of the congregation. This longstanding practice in the Episcopal Church has offered a means for people to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically.

#### **Save the Date!**

We are looking at having an outdoor worship service on Sunday, October 4 for our annual Blessing of the Animals. This is pending approval from the diocese and adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines. We will share the specifics as we get closer, but rest assured there is a small group of people working to make this happen. Other plans for ways to connect as a congregation under COVID-19 are being evaluated and will be shared with the congregation.

**Something to Know:**

Mother Nancy met with other clergy and the Bishops this Wednesday on Zoom. They meet on a regular basis to worship together and discuss many different topics. This week Bishop Sutton informed the clergy that the diocese will take a more conservative approach for the number of those who can gather in churches rather than what has been outlined by the Governor's Office.

**Have a Question or Curious About Something?**

If you have a question about anything pertaining to Sherwood, please do not hesitate to speak to Mother Nancy directly. She is available via phone and is happy to speak to anyone about their faith, or just about Sherwood in general. If you are comfortable, Mother Nancy is also happy to meet with you in person with the necessary precautions. You can get in touch with her at 301-606-8447 or [sherwoodrector@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodrector@gmail.com) ... she would love to hear from you!

**Volunteers for Children and Adult Christian Formation:**

Mother Nancy is looking into several options for Christian Formation for all ages. Remember, our spiritual formation doesn't end when we finish school. There are some excellent resources available that will help us to provide education via Zoom or in small groups. This will allow us to stay engaged and explore our faith with one another during COVID-19. If you would like to work alongside Mother Nancy in leading an adult or children Christian Formation group, please speak to her. No experience is necessary, except your love to share the gospel and your faith with others.

**Calling All Lectors:**

As we continue to worship via Facebook Live, we would like to invite those who are willing to read the scripture, psalm, and the Prayers of the People. Would you be interested in reading on a given Sunday? This is open to our current lectors and those who may want to become one. Please only participate if you are comfortable and healthy. Interested? Please [email](#) or call Carey Mednick at 410-666-2180 expressing interest and your availability in September and October.