



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2020

## Welcome to St. John

*We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today. If you are visiting for the first time, we have a welcome gift for you. We also appreciate any comments or suggestions that you may have. Thank you for coming today!*

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly, and we offer guidance for those visiting in the following pages underneath the heading “Communion Distribution.”

Our bulletin is all you will need for worship this morning. We have inserted helpful information in *italics* including when, if able, to stand and sit. Congregation responses are in **bold**.

Children are welcome at St. John. We have worship activity bags located at each sanctuary entrance. All children are encouraged to come forward during Children’s Time. Our parents of children are welcome to use the Family Room at any time during worship—it is located in the Nursery School wing (upstairs). The room is open for families to use as needed for their children. We also have a baby changing station in the restroom by the main office. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.

Following our services, we will have beverages, cookies and conversation in our Great Room. We hope that you will join us and introduce yourself to others.

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## Order for Worship

Prelude ~ “Jubilate Deo”

Sarah Ochocki, Soloist

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice;  
Glory to God in the highest!  
O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice;  
Praise to the Lord in the highest!  
The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we;  
Glory to God in the highest!  
The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be;  
Praise to the Lord in the highest!

O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise;  
Glory to God in the highest!  
To honor his Name thankful voices we raise;  
Praise to the Lord in the highest!  
For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure;  
Glory to God in the highest!  
To all generations his truth shall endure;  
Glory to God! Glory to God!  
Praise to the Lord in the highest!

*Music: Dale Wood*

*Text: Psalm 100*

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.  
We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.  
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others**

as you have welcomed us.  
**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**  
**By your grace, forgive us;**  
**through your love, renew us;**  
**and in your Spirit, lead us;**  
**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,  
 by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
 we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
 through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
 Our sins are forgiven.  
 Let us live now in hope.  
 For hope does not disappoint,  
 because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
 through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn ~ God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood of our race;  
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;  
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise; each en - deav - or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

## Greeting

P: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Children's Time

## Word

### Psalm 100

*We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;**

**we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-8

*We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Matthew 9:35- 10:1**

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**H**omily

*Silence for reflection follows the homily.*

Hymn of the Day ~ “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

O Christ, your heart, compassionate,  
bore ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God;  
its breadth, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ  
combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds,  
eternity in time.

As once you welcomed those cast down  
and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives  
through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep  
that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain  
as though it were our own.

O Christ, create new hearts in us  
that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart,  
become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ;  
our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry  
your love may be revealed.

*Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923*

## Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **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 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

A: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

A: Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy One, the whole earth is yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring abatement. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what you have provided. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy One, we have created divisions in our world that lead to hatred and violence, poverty and injustice. In places of conflict, in communities in distress, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard and help us respond to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy One, bring healing to all who are sick, give comfort to those whose health fails, give strength to their caregivers. We pray especially for those on our Prayer list: Adina, Kathy, John, Eric, Tom, Jack, Jon, Sharleen, Rob, Sue, Lauren, Bill, Dave, Gladys, Dylan, Randy, Dorothy, Judy, Jim, Gerry, Hadley, Robert, Abby, Laura, and Donna. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy One, you bring all people to yourself. We give thanks for those who have gone before us to share and give witness to their faith. We give special thanks for the Cappadocians of the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Sustain us in your mission until the day you bear us up to join the saints in light. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## Anthem~ "We Are a Garden Walled Around"

Sarah Ochocki, Soloist

We are a garden walled around, chosen and made peculiar ground:  
A little spot inclosed by grace out of the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of myrrh and spice we stand, planted by God the Father's hand:  
and all his springs in Sion flow, to make the young plantation grow.

Let my Beloved come, and taste his pleasant fruits at his own feast.  
"I come, my spouse, I come," he cries with love and pleasure in his eyes.

Our Lord into the garden comes, we pleased to smell our poor perfumes,  
and calls us to a feast divine, sweeter than honey, milk or wine.

Jesus, we will frequent thy board, and sing the praises of our Lord:  
but the rich food on which we live demands more praise,  
demands more praise than tongues can give.

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

*Music: Robert Buckley Farlee*

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*During our time away, we will not be passing the offering plates. We are grateful for all who are able to continue their support of St. John. There are three ways to share tithes and offerings:*

*1. Simply giving - You can arrange for a regular gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to be deducted from a bank account. Please contact Marcie Godby, our bookkeeper, to arrange for this ([stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com)).*

*2. You may go to St. John's website, <https://www.stjohnbluebell.org/>, and under "Quick Links" hit the "Online Giving and Donations" button.*

*3. You may put your offering envelope (checks are preferred) in another stamped envelope and mail it to St. John: 1802 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 (Attn: Marcie).*

*Take a moment and reflect on the gifts we have received – even in these difficult days.*

Voluntary~ “Offertory on Walton”

Robert Hobby

## Offertory Hymn ~ Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water giv'n for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the strong compassion in your face.

*Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.*

## Offertory Prayer

- P: God of goodness and growth,  
all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
Water and word, wine and bread:  
these are signs of your abundant grace.  
Nourish us through these gifts,  
that we might proclaim your steadfast love  
in our communities and in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
- C: **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C: **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.**

## Benediction

- P: God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
- C: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn ~ “In Christ Called to Baptize”

In Christ called to baptize,  
we witness to grace  
and gather a people  
from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters,  
we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life,  
give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to witness,  
by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel;  
God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living  
give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion  
reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us,  
O Spirit of love,  
for you are within us,  
around us, above.  
Equip us for service  
with gifts you bestow.  
In Christ is our calling.  
In Christ may we grow.

*Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947*

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ~ “In Christ Called to Baptize”

Michael Burkhardt

Additional music links:

**The Summons**

<https://youtu.be/Y7Y5RWel6eq>

**How Lovely Are the Messengers**

<https://youtu.be/-7rGm56LVaA>

**There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy**

<https://youtu.be/xA63m0iUTk4>

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