



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. John

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Order for Worship

Prelude ~ "Prayer"

Jonathan Oehler, Baritone

O Lord, your goodness reaches far, as high as clouds are soaring;
Your tender mercies crown our days, Our lives with peace restoring.
Lord God, my rock, my fortress strong, to you my love,
my prayers belong as now I kneel before you, as now I kneel before you!

Text: Christian Furchtegott Gellert

Music: Beeethoven/ arr. K. L. Scott

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting

P: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise ~ “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the hymn, including the final verse. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical notes.

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Children's Message

Word

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33

A: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust
there may yet be hope,
to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not
reject forever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

Refrain (Cantor, then ALL)



I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **Refrain.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones, give thanks to his holy name.
God's anger lasts a moment; God's favor all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **Refrain.**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing.
O Lord my God, I will thank you forever. **Refrain.**

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease."

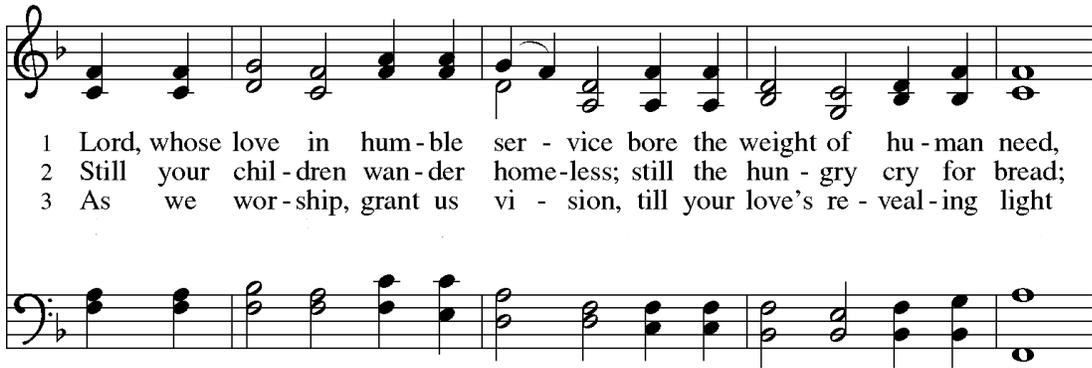
While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

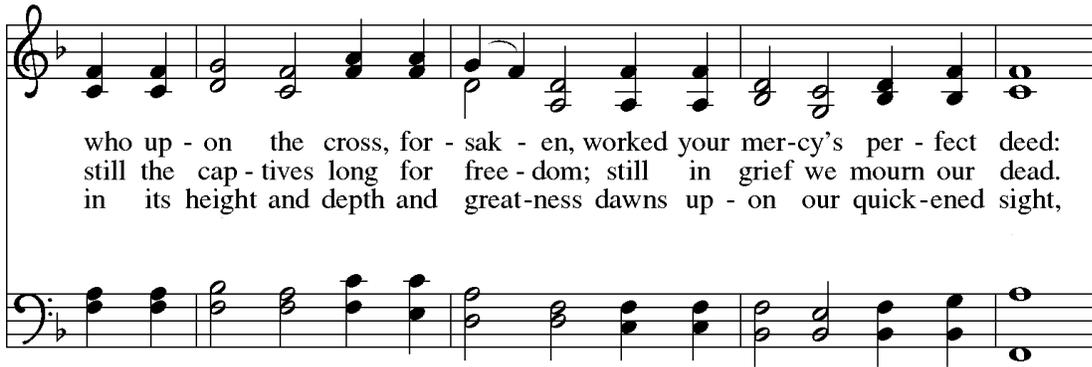
Sermon

Pastor Rachel Manke

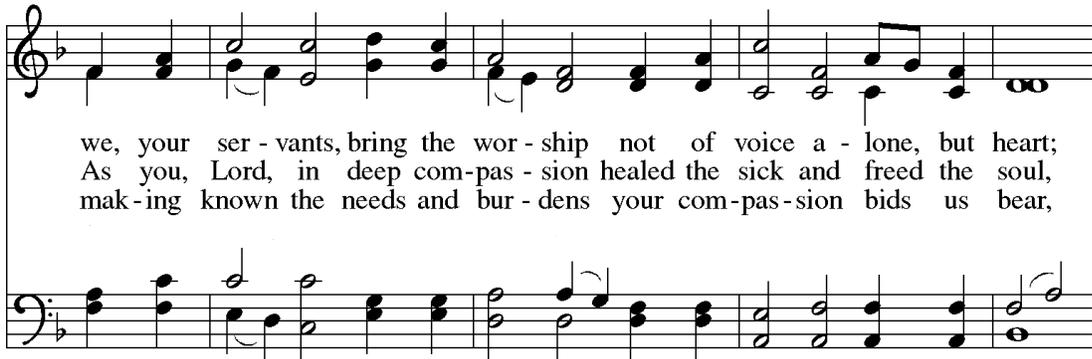
Hymn of the Day ~ “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”



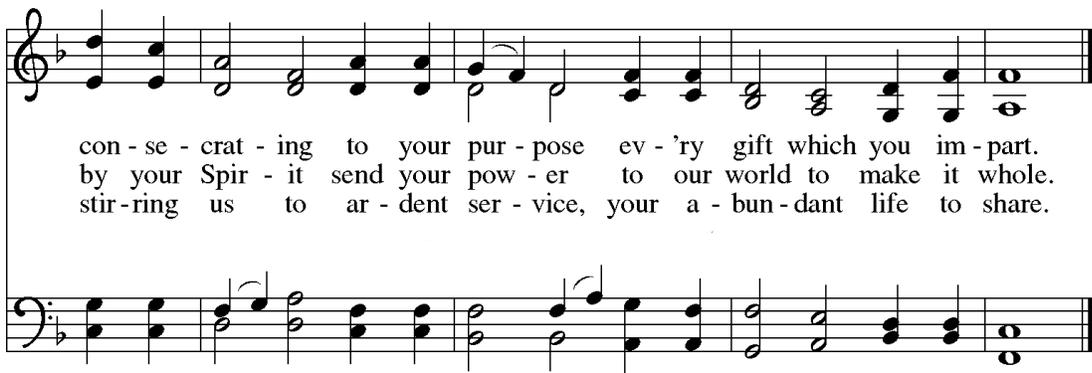
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

Apostles Creed

P: *Together, let us 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: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick especially George, Robert, Tim, Eleanor, Barry, Kate, Cheryl, Susan, John, Randy, Dorothy, Robert, and Donna. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, that *with Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, and all your saints* we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: **Amen.**

Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

Anthem~ "O Healing River"

Jonathan Oehler, Baritone

O healing river, send down your waters upon this land.

O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning,
No seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish.
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters.
O healing river, from out of the skies.

Text and music: Fred Hellerman & Fran Minkoff, arr. David Cherwien

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

During this time, 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).*
- 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).*
- 4. You may make use of the offering plate located on a table near the church building.*

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

Offertory Prayer

- P:** Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
- C:** **Amen.**

The Meal

- P:** The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

The meal is shared.

Communion Hymn~ “Healer of Our Every Ill”



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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Benediction

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Assisting with Worship

Pastor	Pastor Rachel Manke
Director of Music	Lawrence Baker
Lector	Betsy Norton
Cantor	Jonathan Oehler

Announcements

Our first monthly food truck night is this Wednesday, June 30! -Join us from 4-8 p.m. for the Roll M' Up truck and bring a chair. We will have LIVE MUSIC and joined by Maddie's Test Kitchen to try out her amazing cupcakes and cookies. Please bring non-perishable food donations for Manna on Main Street. BYOB! Rain or shine. *Mark your calendars for July 29 and August 25 for our next two events!*

Weekly Outdoor Services will continue Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a chair and continue to make use of space and masking for the benefit of our most vulnerable. These services will continue to be live streamed on YouTube as well as shared via email on Sunday evenings.

Spirit Walkers- We walkers have been happily bringing our fellowship into the community as we give our bodies some healthful movement! Next meet-up will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Wentz Run Park. Join us!

Save the Date - VBS Day! We will have a Vacation Bible School Day event on Saturday, August 14. Check back for more details!

Save the Date for Pastor Rachel's Installation-It's been interesting times, but we can finally make Pastor Rachel's call to St. John "Official" in a service of installation. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 29th at 4 p.m.

