

JUNE 13, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: The apostle Paul declared that all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

People: We acknowledge our failings and are saddened by them, because they distance us from the loving God who made us.

Pastor: But the good news of our faith is that God sent Jesus Christ to heal our brokenness and take away all our sins.

People: Therefore, the gift of forgiveness is always available for us to receive if we ask God with sincere and penitent hearts.

Pastor: Let us worship God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

#HYMN #70 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Gracious God, whose love is so great that it cannot be compared to any other love, and whose mercy erases a multitude of sins, what a blessing it is to come into your presence this morning. Being here gives us an opportunity to say "thank you." Thank you for sending us Jesus Christ, who came into the world so that we might have a more abundant and meaningful existence. Thank you for the Holy Spirit, who allows us to see ourselves more clearly so that we might change our behavior when it is contrary your will. Thank you for those times when you have listened patiently while we questioned your love and doubted your willingness to forgive. And thank you for not giving up on us, even in our worst and lowest moments, and even when we have all but given up on ourselves. Dear Lord, make yourself known to us today, we pray, and strengthen us for daily living as we seek to be faithful to the covenant promise you made with us. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray like this, saying . . .

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 and Mark 4:26-34

SERMON MESSAGE: *God's Very Nature* Rev. Gagnon

#HYMN #72 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Invitation to Pray and Receiving the Prayer Request Slips
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
Organ Response

OFFERTORY (In celebration of the offerings that were given when entering the sanctuary)

Doxology (#45 – Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Thank you, dear God, for your deep and abiding love for us. There is no adequate response except to share that love with other people and with the world. So we give ourselves and a portion of our wealth to carry out the caring ministry you have called us to do. As you make use of our offerings and our lives, we pray that they will help you fulfill your purpose for this church. Enable us to be co-workers with Jesus Christ, whose loving sacrifice brought us redemption and Everlasting Life. Amen.

#HYMN #401 *Amazing Grace*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God's amazing grace has been poured out on all of us. We are called to share it with the world.

People: We will strive to make God's grace known to others; and we will seek God's guidance about how best to do that.

Pastor: Love as you are loved by God. Forgive as you have been forgiven. Show the same mercy to others that the Lord has shown to you.

People: We will live as God's people in the world: cherished, supported, pardoned, redeemed and saved.

Pastor: Go now in peace, giving thanks and praise to God whose steadfast love endures forever.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL