

JUNE 20, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: Life is hard. Without warning, unforeseen storms can upset us and threaten our physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

People: But Jesus will never forsake us when we are troubled and imperiled. Our Savior is with us at all times and in all places.

Pastor: We can trust Christ to come to our assistance and calm the tempests that trouble our lives.

People: Let us put our hand in the hand of Jesus, the One who stilled the water and calmed the sea, so we can find the peace which surpasses human understanding.

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord.

#HYMN #470 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Gracious God, thank you for always being near to us, even in times of trouble and uncertainty. We know that you are constantly by our side, so even when we become perplexed or afraid, we are never without hope. When the storms of life rage and threaten to overwhelm us, we remember how you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world with power to calm the wind and still the sea; and in the same way, Jesus can bring serenity to our spirits and grant us peace when we put our hand in his. Dear Lord, come to us now, we pray, and receive our thanks and praise. During this time of worship, lift our hearts on the wings of sacred music; restore our souls with the healing balm of prayer; and enliven our minds with the words of Holy Scripture and divine interpretation, so we can leave this holy sanctuary with a deeper faith that will empower us for Christian ministry and service. 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 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-41

SERMON MESSAGE: *Put Your Hand in the Hand* Rev. Gagnon#HYMN *Put Your Hand in the Hand (see insert)*

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Receiving the Prayer Request Slips
 Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
 Organ Response

OFFERTORY

Offertory Invitation
 # 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):

Compassionate and tender God, Creator of all things, we are grateful for the many blessings you have poured out on us from the day we were born. In thanksgiving we now return a portion of those blessings back to you so they can be used to help make your love known to others, particularly in the midst of life's storms and troubles. Receive these offerings, we pray, and enable them to help build up Christ's church and accomplish your redeeming work here on earth. Amen.

#HYMN #97 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the peace of Christ which is beyond all human understanding rest on each one of you as you leave this place of worship.

People: We have faith in the One who stilled the water and calmed the sea.

Pastor: Even in the midst of life's storms you can live with confidence and courage because your Savior is always present.

People: Therefore we will not lose heart in the face of affliction, or give in to discouragement when challenges arise.

Pastor: Let us put our hand in the hand of Jesus as we go forth to love and serve God.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL