

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

JULY 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Arr. E. Power Biggs

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your voices to God.

We call on the One who promises to hear us.

In life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

We rejoice in the One who saves us.

Let us worship God.

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, You breathed in us the breath of life, and yet we confess we do not always acknowledge Your presence. We get caught up in the ways of the world and are concerned only for ourselves. We put our wants above the needs of others. We put our desires above the needs of the church. We put our ways above Your ways. Forgive us, O God, when we have turned away from You, from a sibling in need, or from the church, our family. Call us back to the path of right-living, so that we might walk in Your ways. Turn us away from the control of sin, and let us be filled with Your love, so that it might guide our path.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTGART

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deanna McFarlan

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:2-4

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING

Romans 7:24-25

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

God's Story. Our Story. One Story: Heidelberg Catechism

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all people here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LASST UNS ERFREUN

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.

When we must be apart, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, until we meet again.