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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

June 6, 2021

10:00am

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 5
We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Ps. 138*

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

On the day I called, you answered me.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Thanks be to God!

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, we know the beauty of this June day and we are grateful. We experience the warm stirring of summer and the fullness of bountiful earth, and we are grateful. We share the love of family and friends, and the family and friendship that is our church, and we are grateful.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we know the opportunity to bring new selves to this new day, that we might worship with our community in joy and thanksgiving, and be filled with the good news we would offer everyone. For all these things we are deeply grateful. Amen.

HYMN: #376 "When All Is Ended" (vs. 1,3,5,6)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 8:4-20

Mark 3:20-35

SERMON:

The Rev. Leslie Latham

THE APOSTLES' CREED

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, your son Jesus teaches us that a house divided cannot stand. Together, we offer ourselves and our gifts, that they may be used to extend your grace to others for your glory, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. **Amen.**

HYMN: #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

CHARGE

Our Lord Jesus says that whoever does the will of God is his kindred. Go now and serve others as Jesus did.

BENEDICTION

“When All Is Ended”

1. When all is ended, time and troubles past, shall all be mended, sin and death out-cast?
In hope we sing, and hope to sing at last: Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Against all hope, our weary times have known, wars ended, peace declared, compassion shown,
great days of freedom, tyrants overthrown: Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. With earthy faith we sing a song of heaven: all life fulfilled, all loved, all wrong forgiven.
Christ is our sign of hope, for Christ is risen: Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. With all creation, pain and anger past, evil exhausted, love supreme at last,
alive in God, we'll sing an unsurpassed: Alleluia! Alleluia!

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!