

JULY 12, 2020

6th Sunday

After Pentecost

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING WORSHIP SONG

ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING OF THE WORD

Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:1-14

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at
your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according
to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON – THE REV. EV WALK

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and
the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek
the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Dabney, our bishop,
and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Personal petitions may be offered.

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our
heritage: We humbly ask you that we may always prove
ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do
your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound
learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence,
discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and
from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion
into one united people the multitudes of many races and
languages. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom
in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that
there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through
obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise
among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity,
fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble,
may we not lose our trust in you; all which we ask through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Personal thanksgivings may be offered.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place
in your eternal kingdom.

Personal petitions may be offered.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we say,

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

In the fullness of time, may we enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONG

CLOSING PRAYER

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness
of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WEEK AHEAD JULY 12-18

SUN	12	Holy Eucharist 10:00 am In Person & Online
MON	13	AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
TUE	14	AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall Vestry 6:30 pm Zoom Video Call
WED	15	Morning Prayer 10:00 am In Person & Online
THU	16	Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:00 pm Zoom Video Call AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
FRI	17	Group Prayer 11:00 am Conference Call Dial 712-775-7035, Code 375658# AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
SAT	18	Prayer in the Park 12:00 pm Venice

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

Year-to-Date Tithe/Offerings		Year-to-Date as of June 30, 2020	
Actual:	\$ 66,832	Total Income:	\$ 101,963
Budgeted:	\$ 68,050	Expenses:	\$ 98,463
Difference:	\$ - 1,218	Difference:	\$ + 3,500

Your tithe's and offerings may be mailed to the church, donated through PayPal via our website, dropped off at the church office or placed in the baskets in the sanctuary.

BEYOND STONE WALLS



Morning Prayer

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

In Person & Live on Facebook

Join us in person or online for a in a time of prayer.



Reunion Group – Cursillo

Thursdays at 5:00 pm

Zoom Video Call

This group offers personal time for prayer and share of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen for details at 413-822-1160.



Group Prayer

Fridays at 11:00 am

Conference Call

Dial 712-775-7035, Code 375658#

Join us as we pray against COVID-19, for our country, and other issues of the day.



Prayer in the Park

Saturday, July 18, 12:00 pm

Maxine Barritt Park

1800 S. Harbor Dr., Venice

Come and pray with other believers for our nation and racial inequality. Sponsored by One Christ Won City.

“ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

– Matthew 13:23

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

If you have a prayer to be added to this list or you would like to be added to our email prayer chain, call the office or email prayers@chsosprey.com.

Peace and comfort for Dorrie and her family as they mourn the loss of her husband, Bill.

Thanksgiving for a successful surgery for Linda. Strength and renewal for her.

Physical and emotional healing for Alicia and Sharyn. Strength, purpose, and clarity of direction for them.

Repentance from lawlessness, selfishness, and apathy.

Save us from violence and discord. May people respect and listen to one another with humility.

Thanksgiving for all the wonderful volunteer work that has been done around the church property.

Comfort for Missy and her family in the loss of her dad. Hope and confidence in the Resurrection for his eternal peace.

Freedom from depression – focus on the light and hope of Christ.

Housing for Tim and Annie.

Recovery and strength for Linda from a double mastectomy.

Spiritual encouragement and protection for Chase. Healing from emotional trauma.

Healing and comfort for Kathleen's knee pain.

Peace for Margaret whose daughter, Belinda, is in hospice care.

Deliverance from alcoholism.

Committed discipleship for God's Church.

Conversion of mind and heart for atheists and humanists, as well as persecutors and enemies of Jesus Christ.

Protection and encouragement for healthcare workers and law enforcement.

An end to racism and all bigotry.

Rebuilding for devastated communities.

A vaccine for COVID-19.

Strong, loving families of faith, care, and safety.



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