

Celebration!

September 5, 2021

15 Pentecost

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it !

Build Up

**Chorus: Build up, prepare the way
Remove the obstructions from my people's way
Build up, prepare the way
God is near, God is here today**

**¹Break the chains of injustice
Let the oppressed go free
Share our homes with the homeless
and our bread with the hungry (Chorus)**

**²God sees all our destruction
How we get in love's way
Still God comes and meets us
with a steady, healing embrace (Chorus)**

Bridge:

Then your light will break forth like the dawn and your healing will break into song (Chorus)

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Famous One

**Chorus You are the Lord the famous One, famous One; Great is Your name in all the earth
The heavens declare You're glorious, glorious; Great is Your fame beyond the earth**

**And for all You've done and yet to do, with every breath I'm praising You
Desire of nations and every heart, You alone are God, You alone are God**

**The morning star is shining through, and every eye is watching You
Revealed by nature and miracles, You are beautiful, You are beautiful**

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Words for Worship

We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.

Everyday there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.

Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

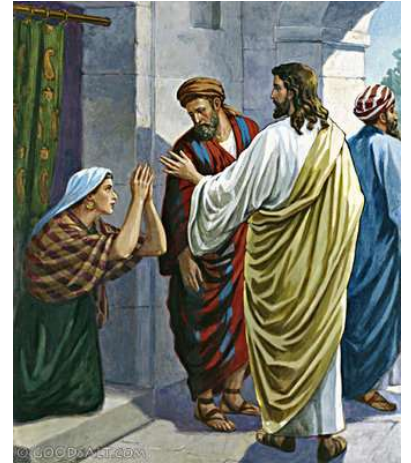
Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us.

Prayer

Let us pray together: **Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 7: 24-37

Sermon: Pastor Paulette Obrecht



Come as You Are

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been;
come broken hearted let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel;
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.**

Refrain **So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame;
all who are broken, lift up your face;
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far;
so lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.**

**There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed,
come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.**

**So lay down your heart; come as you are, come as you are;
Fall in his arms, come as you are.**

**There's joy for the morning, sinner be still;
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.**

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us join together to affirm our faith:

We believe in God, who has created all life and continues to create new life within us. We believe in Jesus, child of God, son of Mary, the Savior of the cosmos. By his life, his death and his resurrection from the grave, we can know the true depth of human love and experience the true joy of abundant life. We believe the Holy Spirit is present now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts, and empowering us for service. We believe the church is the community of faith called to experience the fullness of life through God's Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Confession

Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, "Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work" or other such deals and then we promise our faithfulness and witness.. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear gets in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do.

We Hear The Good News Of Everlasting Life!

In the Name of Jesus Christ you have been healed. Praise be to God who has given you new life.
Thanks be to God!

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you"

Holy Communion

We celebrate the promise of Jesus that we are born again to everlasting life.

We come to worship and bow down. We come to kneel and give thanks. We come to receive Jesus in these gifts of bread and wine.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary form)

Let us pray in the words that Jesus has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Pastoral blessing for children and those not receiving communion.

Come to the Lord's Table

All who seek the presence of Jesus Christ at God's table of grace are welcome to receive God's forgiveness in Holy Communion. We will be using Fellowship Cups for communion today. They contain a wafer packaged on top of a small cup of grape juice and will be distributed to the congregation by the ushers after being blessed on the altar. We will all partake of communion together once all the cups have been distributed. Please discard your used cup in the trays available on your way out of Fellowship Hall at the end of the service. There are gluten free wafers available – please let the usher know if you need one.

Sharing of Holy Communion

**Body of Christ, given for you.
Blood of Christ, shed for you.**

Please stand as you are able

Following Communion: Blessing and Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Let us pray... Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace. **Amen**

Everlasting God

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord - We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord - We will wait upon the Lord**

Our God you reign forever - Our hope our strong deliv'rer

**You are the everlasting God - The everlasting God
You do not faint - you won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

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We Go Out To Serve

Go in Peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!