

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 30, 2021
First Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elder of the Month: Dave Bowen, 703-2319
- Deacon of the Month: Cheryl Mack, 317-294-8436

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the wilderness, water brings life.

C: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

L: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

C: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

L: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness. Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and one another our failure to love our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have paved a path for us to follow, O God, yet we often find ourselves lost. It is clear to us that we should follow you; however, we are constantly tempted and tried by worldly matters that cause us to stray. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you. Allow us to be washed over by your unconditional love, so that we can overflow with joy as you have called us to do; through Jesus Christ we pray.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us—and Christ intercedes for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old is past and a new life has begun. Hear the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

FIRST READING

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.
In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.
There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving girl.
Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Blessed Jesu

Sue Poulos, Joyce Counts

*Blessed Jesu, Word incarnate, Son of God, O love divine.
Grant to us Thy tender mercy, Let our hearts be wholly Thine.
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Grant to us thy tender mercy, Let our hearts be wholly Thine.*

*Fairest name beyond all measure, praise and homage let us sing.
Unto Thee, O blessed Jesu, consecrated lives we bring.
Fairest name beyond all measure, Praise and homage let us sing.
Unto Thee, O blessed Jesu, consecrated lives we bring.*

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesu, Blessed Jesu, hear us, O love divine.

SECOND READING

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Ben Shaw

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

HYMN

O God, Show Mercy to Us

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this day, and unto your life eternal. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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