

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## JULY 5, 2020



*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*



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"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God." ~Isaiah 40:1

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP*

### PRELUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Here on the shores of the Salish Sea, on the traditional lands of the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam people, God gathers us in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

### CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

*We do a land acknowledgment as a step toward healing for promises broken over the years.*

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

### *SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION*

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

### OPENING HYMN

*This Is My Song*

#887

Lloyd Stone/Jean Sibelius

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G clef, 2/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The top staff is for the piano, and the bottom staff is for the voice. The lyrics are as follows:

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for  
2. My country's skies are blu-er than the o-cean, and sun-light beams on  
3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your king-dom come; on

lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 clo - ver-leaf and pine. But oth - er lands have sun-light too, and clo - ver,  
 earth your will be done. O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you.

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine. So hear my song, O  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O

oth - er lands are beat-ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 God of all the na-tions; my - self I give you; let your will be done.

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

**Chorus:**

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the  
 God of life and love and free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev - er - more!

**Verse 1:**

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
 freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

**Chorus**

**Verse 2:**

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and glo - ry to  
Christ  
**Chorus**

**Verse 3:**

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of God;  
to make all things new.

**Chorus**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... C: Amen

*GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD*

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia!

**BIBLE READING**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

<sup>16</sup>“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

[Related Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a]

P: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYERS**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: In Jesus' name. **C: Amen**

**OFFERING INTRODUCTION**

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." In thankfulness for the abundance with which God eases our burdens, we give generously so that the burdens of others might be eased.

Our faith practice of giving during worship will continue to be online and mail-in during these days of separation. To make your weekly offering, please open a browser tab and head over to your faith home's online giving portal, or write a check and send it via USPS to your faith home.

**Please also consider a donation to the outreach ministries of Seekers, a ministry of the ELCA. Seekers is producing this webcast for the remotely gathered people of God.**

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Polonaise*  
J. S. Bach

Agnes Peña, piano

*GOD HEALS THE COMMUNITY IN THE MEAL*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 forever and ever. Amen

## THE DISTRIBUTION

We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather your bread and wine, and then we will commune together.

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear; have  
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace; have  
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love; have  
mer-cy on us,      mer-cy on us,      mer-cy on us.      5. Lamb of God, you  
mer-cy on us,      mer-cy on us      mer-cy on us.  
mer-cy on us,      mer-cy on us      mer-cy on us.  
mer-cy on us,      mer-cy on us      mer-cy on us.  
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

*When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:*

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen

*GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE*

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace. C: Amen

## SENDING HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

#841

James Johnson/Rosamond Johnson

1. Lift ev'-ry voice and sing till earth and heav-en ring, ring with the har - mo -  
 2. Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast brought us

nies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning  
 hope un - born had died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies, let it re - soundloud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
 feet come to the place for whichour par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the  
 way that with tears has been wa - tered; we have come, tread-ing our  
 plac - es, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new  
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the gloom-y past, till now we  
 wine of the world, we for - get thee; shadowed be - neath thy hand, may we for -

day be - gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* is considered by many in the Black community to be the Black national anthem.

## SENDING

P: Strengthened by the promises God made to you in baptism, go and live your calling: Proclaim Christ through word and deed; serve all people and the world God made; strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: Okay, we will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

### PFLC VISION STATEMENT

*People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.*

### PFLC GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

### PFLC CORE VALUES

*Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service*

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Many thanks to Jonathan McClung and Seekers Ministries for producing online worship today.

Reading for next week: Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13