

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*So shall your descendants be*



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*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." ~Galatians 3:28*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Arr. Carolyne Taylor

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

### CONFESSTION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*The God of Abraham Praise v. 1-4*

#831

Thomas Olivers/Jewish melody, arr. Meyer Lyon

A musical score for four voices (SATB) and piano. The vocal parts are arranged in three staves: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The piano part is on a separate staff at the bottom. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are provided for each voice part. The piano part consists of simple harmonic chords.

1. The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2. The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand  
3. The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4. Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love - hand.  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
I shall on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.

"I Am the One I - Am"-- by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake-- its wis - dom, fame and pow'r--  
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!  
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

### 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.

### KYRIE

Ky-ri-e e-lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1. For peace in the world, for the im -  
2. That we may live out -  
3. For peace in our hearts, for im -  
4. For your Spir - it to guide; for you

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all; for  
 pas - sioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor; that  
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the Word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, for our work and our play,  
 nour - ish our souls with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... C: Amen

*GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD*

## THE ALLELUIA VERSE

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

## BIBLE READING

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

[Related Reading: Luke 3:8]

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**

P: The word of the Lord came to Abram: "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me?" So often we get so focused on what we DON'T have that we cannot see the abundance God has generously scattered around us. Acknowledging the wonder of the abundance of God's gifts, we give. To make your weekly offering, please go to another 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.

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness* and *Amazing Grace* Takashi & Lynne Misuda  
Trombone & 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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## 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 CANTICLE

*Christ, Be Our Light*

#715 v. 5

*Bernadette Farrell*

Man-y the gifts, man-y the people, man-y the hearts that  
yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,  
signs of your king - dom come. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our



### **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**

#### *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

#325

*African American spiritual*

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want Je - sus  
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with me; in my tri - als,  
 3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; walk with me; When I'm in trou - ble,

to walk with me; all a - long my pil - grim  
 Lord, walk with me; walk with me; when my heart is bowed  
 Lord, walk with me; walk with me; when my head is bowed

jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 break-ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## **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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### **YOUR SERVANT LEADERS TODAY**

**Preacher:**

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Pastor Paul Stumme-Diers, Bethany Lutheran, Bainbridge Island

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**Accompanist:**

Miriam Haddon, Poulsbo First Lutheran

**Soloist:**

Takashi & Lynne Misuda, Poulsbo First Lutheran

**Producer:**

Jonathan McClung, Perceptico

**Reading for next week:** Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21; Luke 6:35