

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go



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"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ~John 3:17

WORDS OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision
Arr. Paul Manz

Miriam Haddon
pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING

In respect and repentance toward indigenous peoples, we acknowledge promises broken over the years.

P: As we center ourselves for worship, we acknowledge that we have gathered by water and on land traditionally stewarded by the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam people.

SILENCE FOR CENTERING

CONFESION 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 redeemer.

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.**

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

Gather Us In

#532

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way-- here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath-er us in, the
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. Gath-er us in, the
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day. Gath-er us in and

lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
 rich and the haugh - ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so
 wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and
 hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in, all

we shall a - wak - en, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 meek and so low - ly, give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 teach us to fash - ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 peo - ples to - geth - er, fire .. of love in our flesh and our bone.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of 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

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
 to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
A - - - men, a - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray... C: Amen

GOD SPEAKS

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.

BIBLE READING

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ²He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. ⁴Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; ¹⁶and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

¹⁸So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." ²⁰But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." ²²So Jacob

went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him.

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

[Related Reading: John 1:50-51]

P: Word of God for the people of God. C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Kent Shane

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

P: Persistent God, C: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: ...for the sake of Jesus our brother. C: **Amen**

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: God said, “All the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.” Through our care for creation, God blesses all the families of the earth. Through our service, God blesses all the families of the earth. Through our giving, God blesses all the families of the earth. To engage in God’s blessing of all the families of the earth, go now to another browser tab and head over to your faith home’s online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Robert Robinson, J. Wyeth

Lorena Maxwell

GOD NOURISHES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Alleluia! God is with you! C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to our God. C: We give God thanks and praise.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 all will commune together.

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for the soprano voice, and the bottom two are for the bass voice. The lyrics are written below each staff. Measure numbers 1 through 12 are indicated above the staves. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

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 Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of mercy and grace, we give you thanks that you have filled us with good things at your table. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be Christ's body in the world, that more and more we may strive to serve your earth and its many peoples and proclaim your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ. **C: Amen**

GOD SENDS

BENEDICTION

P: God, the Root of hope,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth ✕ bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

#793

Eleanor H. Hull, tr. Mary E. Byrne/Irish traditional



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
4. Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by
with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shel - ter, and
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly, the
heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -



day and by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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: 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:

Pastor Kent Shane

Worship Assistant:

Pastor Alison Shane

Children's Sermon:

Paul Davis, Director of Faith Formation

Accompanist:

Miriam Haddon

Soloist:

Lorena Maxwell

Streaming Technician:

Jeff Hora

Reading for next week: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17; John 8:58