

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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if we love one another...his love is perfected in us



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A Reconciling in Christ congregation

*Ruth said [to Naomi], "...Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge."
~Ruth 1:16b*

WORDS OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

God's Time is the Best
J. S. Bach, arr. E. Power Biggs

Miriam Haddon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

L: God unites us in worship today, many of us by water and on land stewarded since time immemorial by the Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, and other peoples of the Salish Sea. We recognize that God calls all to be in right relationship with their neighbors, that the tribes are sovereign nations, that there is a history of broken treaties and broken trust, and that there is much reconciling work to be done. As Christians, we also recognize that in Christ there is new life, forgiveness, and hope for mending what is broken. We pray the Holy Spirit will lead us in this work.

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L: Please take this time of silence to empty yourself and lay before God the cares of your own life, so that God might use this worship time to fill you with Word and grace and open you to your kin-dom work in the world. As you breathe into this silence, close your eyes, take a deep breath in through your nose, out through your mouth, and repeat.

GATHERING SILENCE

L: 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

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

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

L: 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

L: 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

In Christ There Is No East or West

John Oxenham/African American spiritual

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

L: 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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - - - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion.

Bless - ing, hon - - - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men. *Refrain*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled 'Hymn of Praise'. It is written in a single system with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The score consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with the word 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.' The second staff continues with 'Al - le - lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.' The third staff starts with '1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.' The fourth staff continues with 'Pow - er, rich - - - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. Refrain'. The fifth staff begins with '2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion.' The sixth staff continues with 'Bless - ing, hon - - - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men. Refrain'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The word 'Refrain' appears at the end of the fourth and sixth staves.

3. For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...
 ... In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen**

GOD SPEAKS

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much,

we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their [neighbors], are liars; for those who do not love [someone] whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their [neighbors] also.

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

[Related Reading: John 14:15-17; Reading for next week: 1 John 5:1-6; John 14:18-19, 25-26]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Alison Shane

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

This time of silence is an opportunity to meditate on the Word of God as spoken in Scripture and sermon.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

L: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these our kindred, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen

L: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

L: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live together among God's faithful people,
- to hear together the word of God and eat the holy supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

L: People of God, do you promise to support these your kindred and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Thanksgiving at the Font (10:30)

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

Baptism (10:30)

Cate Nuckelt, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in all these your children the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen

L: Cate, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen**

L: Let us rejoice with these kindred in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

L: God of love, **C: We lift our prayers to you.**

The prayers conclude:

L: ... into your loving hands. **C: Amen**

INVITATION TO FAITHFUL GENEROSITY [Online giving portal](#) →

L: At PFLC, the funding for all the ministries comes from you in this offering time, and those ministries are chosen each year with an eye for sharing the love of Jesus with the world in the most effective way, both in activities here onsite and in partnership with others around the world. During this music offering, please:



- Prayerfully consider how thankfully generous you can be in your online or onsite giving to the ministries of PFLC that share God's love
- Give thought toward an additional donation designated for feeding programs in Kitsap County
- Consider donating your time to Kitsap Harvest
- Fill out the Keeping in Touch form (QR code on the back of the bulletin or paper copy to add to your offering).

MUSIC OFFERING

Nocturne
John Field

Miriam Haddon

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS*GOD NOURISHES***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: Alleluia! God is with you!

C: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to our God.

C: We give God thanks and praise.

L: 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 all united as the Body of Christ in Holy Communion today. After we sing "Lamb of God" together, the online community will commune together. Please gather your communion elements now.

The onsite community will process forward during the communion hymn and receive communion by intinction.

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 ONLINE ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Herman G. Stuempfle Jr./Marty Haugen

1. Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i - le - an shore.

2. Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et room one night.

3. Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we gath - er here.

4. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share

Je - sus, Bread of life from heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.

In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"

bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your wine of life out - poured,

Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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

L: The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with your words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, to serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and to honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Savior. **C: Amen**

GOD SENDS

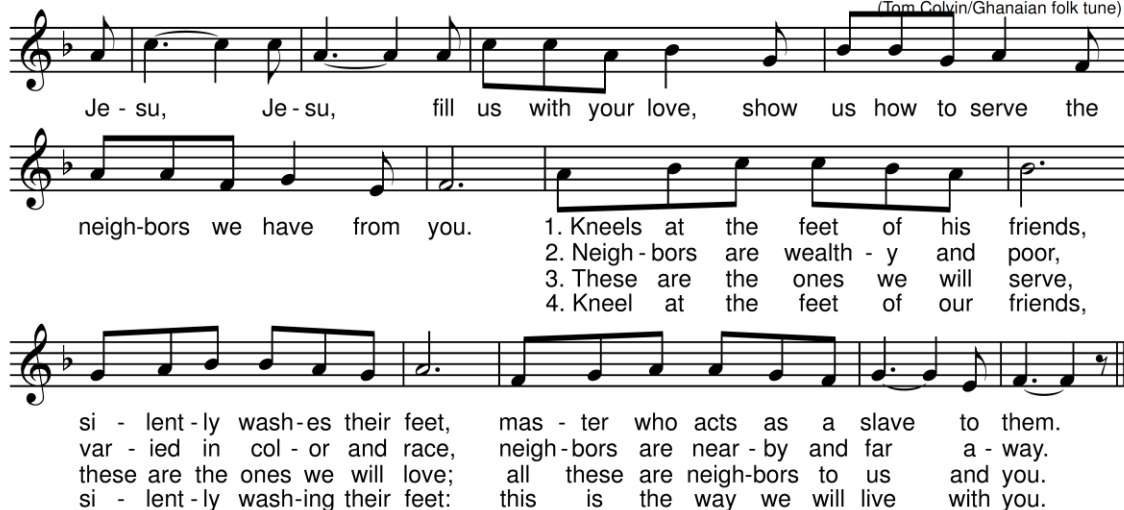
BENEDICTION

L: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

(Tom Colvin/Ghanaian folk tune)



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the
neighbors we have from you. 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
2. Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,
3. These are the ones we will serve,
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
si - lent - ly wash - es their feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
var - ied in col - or and race, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
these are the ones we will love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet: this is the way we will live with you.

SENDING

L: Equipped by the promises God made to you in baptism and strengthened in you at this table, 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, because we are people gathered and sent in the love of Christ!

SENDING MUSIC

Minuet Finale from Firework Music

G. F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY

Worship Leader (9:00):	Sheri Juszcak (she/her)
Worship Leader (10:30):	Laurie Musick
Preacher:	Pastor Alison Shane (she/her)
Children's Sermon:	Paul Davis (he/him), Director of Faith Formation
Accompanist:	Miriam Haddon (she/her)
Streaming Technician:	Amy Kvaalen (she/her)
Usher (9:00):	Rick Gunderson
Usher (10:30):	Eric Kerttula (he/him)
Acolyte (9:00):	Marti Williamson (she/her)
Acolyte (10:30):	Eric Kerttula (he/him)

VISION STATEMENT

People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

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