

## June 14, 2020 ~ Second Day after Pentecost

PRELUDE: BE THOU MY VISION ARR. M. HAYES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS:

Karla Irving, 6.16

Eleanor Held, 6.19

GATHERING SONG: No. 283 – “Come, O Holy Spirit Come”

Come, O Holy Spirit, come;  
Come, almighty Spirit, come;  
Come, come, come.

Wa wa wa Emimimo;  
Wa wa wa Alagbara;  
Wao, wao, wao.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

When you dream, what do you dream of?

**We dream of children who know love and churches with open doors. We dream of rest and sunny days.**

When you dream, what do you dream of?

**We dream of peace without walls,  
And equality for all people.**

When you dream, what do you dream of?

**We dream of milk and honey, food on tables, and an end to suffering.  
We dream of the Church of Jesus Christ serving all God’s people.**

Family of God,

This morning, we dream together. This morning, we worship together. For there is nothing on heaven or on earth strong enough to unravel God’s dreams for us.

Let us worship Holy God.

Amen.

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 396 – “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Brethren, we have met to worship  
and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power  
while we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us?  
Moses' sister aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners  
who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior.  
Tell them that he will be found.  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer,  
seeking grace and filled with fears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary  
pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them;  
sisters, let your prayers abound!  
Pray, O pray, that holy manna  
will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely;  
let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray for sinners  
till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven;  
at his table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us  
with sweet manna all around.

## ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON):

**God we confess—we are loose ends. You give us the gift of community, and we weave walls of exclusion and isolation. You give us the gift of a new day, and we spend more time unraveling justice than sewing seeds of peace and unity. You give us the gift of holy surprises and unimaginable beauty, and we shut off our hearts and our blindfolded eyes. Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts. Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love. Gratefully we pray.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

**Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 57 – “Tremble, O Tremble” v. 5

Tremble, O tremble!  
Our God forgives, and yet our sin  
must be set right at last.  
O Holy One!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 1:22, 2:1-10

SERMON: “Unraveled”

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 790 – “In Silence My Soul Thirsts”

In silence my soul thirsts for God;  
for God alone I wait.  
My enemies may chase me down;  
love shields me from their hate.

Refrain:

God is my rock; God is my strength;  
God is my salvation,  
my refuge, my abiding peace.  
I shall not be shaken.

In stillness I pour out my fears;  
the solitude builds trust.  
My refuge rests in God's great grace.  
My anxious thoughts are hushed. (Refrain)

In quietness my Lord conferred  
two truths I now declare:  
no greater love than God's is known;  
no power can compare. (Refrain)

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**I believe in God, the Great Sewer—  
Who weaves us together in community,  
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit—  
Who hems us in before and behind,  
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.  
And I believe in Jesus Christ—  
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to  
disregard anyone as scrap.  
I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,  
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.  
I believe the fabric of my life is weak,  
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.  
I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics, She is  
designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.  
And I believe that when life unravels,  
God is there to stitch my wounds together,  
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love, And to invite me  
into a new journey.  
Amen.**

## RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

\*DOXOLOGY: - No. 692 – “Spirit, Open My Heart” - refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### COMMUNION

PRAYER:

**Providing God, you have fed us with your Holy Word and holy manna. As we have shared this holy meal together, but apart, make us one, together and a part of the body of Christ. Help us remember the life-giving bread that we share, and strengthen us to love into the world the life and grace we know in Jesus Christ, Amen.**

FINAL HYMN: No. 538 – “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Refrain (sung twice each time):  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread.  
I am wine, I am bread:  
give to all who thirst and hunger.

Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread.  
I am wine, I am bread:  
give to all who thirst and hunger. (Refrain)

Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel. (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: No. 291 – “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” refrain

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**GREAT COMMUNITY GIVE:** Our congregation is a member of Faith in Action and we support the current campaign to expand affordable housing opportunities in our community. We believe that all God's children need a safe place to call home. During the pandemic we are seeing how vulnerable many in our community are with the loss of income. Please donate to Faith in Action during the [Great Community Give](#).

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