

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Service

September 6, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Silence)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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.

Amen.

Hymn # 656

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

L: 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.

L: Let us pray:

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy, without your help we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 33: 7--11

Pg. 1339

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119: 33--40

Pg. 958

PS 119:33 Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

PS 119:34 **Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.**

PS 119:35 Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

PS 119:36 **Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.**

PS 119:37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

PS 119:38 **Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.**

PS 119:39 Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

PS 119:40 **How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your righteousness.**

Second Reading:

Romans 13: 8-14

Pg. 1765

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the Gospel.)



(After the announcement of the Gospel, we sing.)



(After the reading of the Gospel, we sing.)



(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 603 “God, When Human Bonds Are Broken” sts. 1, 2, 5

1. God! When human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.
2. Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.
3. Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God! Encourage and renew!

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 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.
 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. Amen.**

The Prayers

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

Offering Hymn # 772

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” sts. 1-3

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!

2 Order my footsteps by your Word and make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.

Prayer

L: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

SENDING

Blessing



1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude