



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
June 28, 2020

## **Prelude**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer, Martha Main, YouTube*

**We are Called to Worship** - God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people. We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Come, let us worship God.=

**Gathering Prayer** - God of love and grace, we gather in thanksgiving and praise. Reassure us once more, that you never leave us or forsake us. Empower us by your Holy Spirit, that we may live faithfully as people of Christ. Help us leave behind the things that weigh us down, that we may find new life in Christ. Amen.~

## **Song 1**

*This Is My Father's World, 21, YouTube*

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**A Time of Prayer:** *You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

### **The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Special Music

*Open Our Eyes*, YouTube  
Martha Main on piano and Michael Main on guitar

## Song 2

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*, 457, YouTube

## We Hear God's Word

Matthew 10:40-42

40 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

## Meditation

*Welcome Sign*

## Spiritual Practice of the Week



Living in this “new normal” as we continue to navigate this deadly pandemic, the way we welcome one another has changed. We aren’t able to open up our homes for big parties and get-togethers. Our desire to reach out and shake someone’s hand or give them a big hug brings with it great risk. Our warm, welcoming smiles are hidden behind masks. Welcoming one another and hospitality are Biblical values that Jesus lifts up and models for his disciples. What creative ways might you extend welcome and hospitality in this new age of social distancing? Maybe each time you put on your mask you might lift up a prayer that others see your mask as a sign of welcome as you take this small but potentially life-saving step to help create a safe space to keep those around you healthy and well.

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

### **Offertory**

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy in under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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**\*The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

*Version 1*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Version 2*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below;*

*Praise God for all that love has done;*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**\*We Give Thanks** (unison) – Welcoming One, bless these gifts with your Spirit transform these gifts into the balm that your world needs. In these gifts, may we welcome in a new world of love. Amen.+

### **Song 3**

*God of Grace and God of Glory, 569, YouTube*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing** - Whoever welcomes you welcomes me. Quench our thirst for love, satisfy our need to be known, assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome. Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.+

### **Postlude**

*Softly and Tenderly, Martha Main, YouTube*

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