



*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*  
July 7, 2020

**Prelude**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, YouTube, Martha Main*

**We are Called to Worship** - The music is playing, and God is calling. We have come to sing and dance with God. The prayers are flowing, and Spirit is moving. Breathe on us, breath of God. Christ promises rest and renewal, when we come to him. We are here, trusting this sacred promise.~

**Gathering Prayer** - Come to us, Holy One, and immerse us in the beauty of life with you! Come to us, Holy One, and enliven our community with the intensity of your love. Come to us, Holy One, and embolden our community with the urgency of your justice in the name of the One who calls us to play and to work in community, Jesus, our beloved. Amen.+

**Song 1**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, 68, 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**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, YouTube, Martha Main

## **We Hear God's Word**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

16 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

## **Meditation**

*All Who Are Weary*

## **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) – Receive these gifts we now bring, God of gifts, and bless them to be gifts for your world. Through our giving, renew others, that they too may know the comfort and rest of living in the arms of your compassion and your love. Amen.~

**We Gather at the Table**

**Song 2**

*A Place at the Table, 617, YouTube*



**Set Your Place at the Table**—Communion was first celebrated in the homes of those in the early church. Friends and family would gather together to pray, singing songs, and break bread. We carry on that tradition today. Whatever you have on hand to celebrate communion will work just fine, because this ancient ritual is not about what we use for this meal or where we partake of it. Instead, it is about the act of remembrance. So gather around the table, prepare your place, and remember that

Christ is in our midst.

**Our Invitation--** Come to the table of love. At this table, we will find strength for our journeys and rest for our souls.

**The Words of Institution**—We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples saying: ‘This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, Jesus also took the cup after supper, saying: ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ’s death and celebrate Christ’s resurrection, and await Christ’s coming again.+

**Our Confession** (unison)— Prophetic One, you call us to new places and new ways. You challenge us to dance new steps and to sing new songs. We yearn to follow you with confidence and joy, but our resistance is often stronger than our willingness. At times, our steps falter. At moments, we can’t even hear your voice, let alone recognize your song in our hearts. Strengthen us with your mercy. Renew us with your grace. Sing to us with your compassion. Connect us with the yoke of unconditional love, that we may follow joyously, dance confidently, and sing praise and love with every act and with every word of our lives. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.~

**Assurance of Grace**— Rejoice and give thanks. With grace, Christ is already carrying our burdens to renew our souls. With mercy, Christ is already shouldering our load to strengthen our lives.~

**Blessing Our Meal**— Gracious and Steadfast God, pour out your Spirit into this bread and this cup. Bless these gifts that they might be nourishment and

strength for our weary souls. May they offer to us strength by reminding us of your mercy and grace. Amen.

**We Share the Bread and the Cup** – *(Taking the bread)* Take and eat, this is Christ's body broken for you. *(Taking the cup)* Take and drink, this is Christ's blood shed for you and the forgiveness of sins.

**We Give Thanks**— Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.+

### **Song 3**

*Be Thou My Vision, 502, YouTube*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing** – Go forth, as people renewed by the love of God. Go forth, to renew others with this very love. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.~

### **Postlude**

*We Will Glorify, Martha Main*

Worship Notes:

+UCC Book of Worship. ~Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020 . Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.