Service of Worship
July 12, 2020 10:00am
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE
“The Gift of Love”
arr. John Carter
Linda Dover, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Cindy Schendel

INTROIT
Josh Sutherland, vocalist & guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken together)
Surely, God is in the places where we worship
and calls us together in spirit and in truth.
God’s love is for you
and for all people everywhere.
May we be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.
The living Christ is with us.

HYMN 15
“All Creatures of Our God and King”
LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(printed hymn below; sing Stanzas 1–4 & 6)
CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice
2 O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts
3 O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shade
4 All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
of fruit and grain, Alleluia! Alleluia!
of swarms of the night, Alleluia! Alleluia!
or sorrow grieving, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Unison

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for
Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in
PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE (video)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you and all others!

ANTHEM “Sing Community, Sing Peace”
Chancel Ensemble
Words by Terry York
Music by Mark Hayes

Sister, brother, live in harmony. Same and other, live in harmony.
Human fam’ly, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace.
Simple song, sacred call; dare to sing and live in peace, and love for all.
Against the silence, against the shouting,
dare to sing and live in peace and love for all.
With your neighbor, live in harmony. With the stranger, live in harmony. With the refugee, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace. Simple song, sacred call; dare to sing and live in peace, and love for all. Against the silence, against the shouting, dare to sing and live in peace and love for all.

For the children live in harmony. With the frightened, live in harmony. With the enemy, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace. Simple song, sacred call; dare to sing and live in peace, and love for all.

Against the silence, against the shouting, dare to sing and live in peace and love for all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.

Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness.

Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer.

Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act.

Bless those who are called to reconcile on a large-scale—politicians, world leaders, leaders of business, and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict.

Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, and bringing people and nations together. Amen.

HYMN  783                                  “When We Are Tested”
(printed hymn below)
When We Are Tested

Capo 2: (Dm) (Am) (Dm) (Am)

Em Bm Em Bm

1. When we are tested and wrestle alone,
2. When in the desert we cry for relief,
3. When we are tempted to barter our souls,
4. When we have struggled and searched through the night,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (Dsus) (D)

F#m C#7 F#m Esus E

Famished for bread when the world offers stone,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
trading the truth for the power to control,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,

(G) (D) (Em7) (F)

A E F#m7 G

Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,

(Am6) (C) (Dm) (Am) (E)

Bm6 D Em Bm F#

Food that sustains us by night and by day,
trusting your presence, our only true rest,
seeking your will in the work that we do,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 4:1-11/Mark 1:12-13/Luke 4:1-13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that each stanza begins "when," not "if": temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.
These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.” When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Harry and the Heel”

Dr. Tyler Mayfield

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

This is how the earth praises God:
giving thanks for God’s abundance!
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks
and the valleys deck themselves
with shimmering fields of grain,
sharing their bounty with the rest of creation.
We, too, are to worship God
by being abundant and fruitful with our lives, offering up our yields as if they were songs of joyful praise. Let us worship God with our gifts.

HYMN 765  “May the God of Hope Go With Us”  
(Josh Sutherland 1x – All 1x)  
(printed hymn below)
May the God of Hope Go with Us 765
Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984
MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA
11.11.11.11 with refrain

CHARGE & BENEDICTION
Hear again the promises of God, made long ago to our ancestor Jacob, and still true for us today:
I am the Lord your God,  
the God of Abraham and Isaac.  
Know that I am with you,  
and will keep you wherever you go.  
I will not leave you  
until I have done everything that I have promised.  

Let’s go about our lives  
in the assurance that our faithful God goes with us.

POSTLUDE  

“All You Need Is Love”  
Linda Dover, organist  
John Lennon, Paul McCartney

*Common English Bible

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