

## **Zoom Links:** (Dial in 646 558 8656)

Worship (9:00 AM):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82138084005?pwd=dEFRdExLRWlhMjg3YTVmMyt2VmF6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 821 3808 4005

Passcode: 787170

Post-Service Reflection: Engaging the text and the homily (10:15 AM)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81468974915?pwd=b0E0QzYrdXRnK2tSRWkvRGItZWp3QT09>

Meeting ID: 814 6897 4915

Passcode: 492489

## **The Service**

This is a hybrid worship service designed to engage people attending in person and remotely. As such, necessary compromises will give all aspects of the service a different feel. Also, as this is a new endeavor, please accept worship as a work in progress. Some considerations for everyone, whether attending in person or remotely:

- **Please print the bulletin for the service.** We will not screen-share the bulletin for virtual worshipers and we will not distribute bulletins for in-person worshipers.
- **Please use the chat function to share your joys and concerns.** The chat function will be available beginning at 8:45 AM and for the balance of the service. We will edit and publish the chat for dissemination on Monday. It will also serve to bridge the in-person and virtual worshipers.
- **Use discretion in sharing personal information** during joys and concerns as this service will be broadcast on public airwaves, albeit with a limited range.
- **This will be a communion service.** Please have a piece of bread or cracker as well as wine, juice, or water.
- **The prelude and the hymn will be played acoustically.**
- **The discussion following the homily will take place at 10:15 in a separate Zoom session.** You will find the discussion question following the benediction.

## **Attending on Zoom**

The Zoom session for worship will end promptly after the benediction. Continued conversation will take place at the second Zoom session at 10:15.

## **Attending in Person**

Please enter the parking lot from Center Street. Follow the directions of the parking attendants. Please position your car to face the church. If possible, please do not run your engine during the service. At the end of the service, please exit the parking lot promptly using the driveway.

In-person worshipers have three options for participation:

- Attending acoustically: An area by the Community Cupboard ramp is open seating for people with lawn chairs and wish to hear the service without any portable device.
- Attending by radio: You can sit by your car or in your car and listen to the service on 102.7 FM.
- Attending by Zoom: You can sit by your car or in your car and watch the service on Zoom or listen on your telephone by dialing into the service through Zoom

Prior to the service, please submit your prayer requests through the Zoom chat. We will also have volunteers collect your written prayer requests prior to the service.

**Second Sunday after the Pentecost**  
**June 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is good.

**All the time.**

All the time.

**God is good.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Faithful God, we open ourselves to your presence this morning. Set your Spirit among us. We offer you our hands to be your instruments of healing grace. Open our eyes to see the empty places in our community. We offer the love in our hearts to fill them. Renew us. Prepare us. Grant that our ministries will be a libation for those who seek the love of Christ. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE - 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15**

And all the elders of Israel assembled and came to Samuel at Ramah. And they said to him, "Look, you yourself have grown old and your sons have not gone in your ways. So now, set over us a king to rule us, like all the nations." And the thing was evil in Samuel's eyes when they said, "Give us a king to rule us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for it is not you they have cast aside but Me they have cast aside from reigning over them. Like all the deeds they have done from the day I brought them up from Egypt to this day, forsaking Me and serving other gods, even so they do as well to you. So now, heed their voice, though you must solemnly warn them and tell them the practice of the king will reign over them." And Samuel said all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking of him a king. And he said, "This will be the practice of the king who will reign over you: Your sons he will take and set for himself in his chariots and in his cavalry, and some will run before his chariots. He will set for himself captains of thousands and captains of fifties, to plow his ground and reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the implements of his chariots. And your daughters he will take as confectioners and cooks and bakers. And your best fields and your vineyards and your olive trees he will take and give to his servants. And your seed crop and your vineyards he will tithe and give to his courtiers and to his servants. And your best male and female slaves and your cattle and your donkeys he

will take and use for his tasks. Your flocks he will tithe, and as for you, you will become his slaves. And you will cry out on that day before your king whom you chose for yourselves and he will not answer you on that day.” And the people refused to heed Samuel’s voice and they said, “No.! A king there will be over us! And we, too, shall be like all the nations and our king will rule us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

And Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and we shall renew there the kingship.” And all the people went to Gilgal and they made Saul King there before the Lord at Gilgal, and they sacrificed their communion sacrifices before the Lord, and Saul rejoiced there, and all the men of Israel with him, very greatly.

## **REFLECTION**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Communion**

### **INVITATION**

Here, friends, we have the assurance that everyone is welcome. No one is turned away. Everyone has a place. This is the table set for each of us where Christ is the host. At this table there is enough. Come to this table for bread so you will not have hunger and the cup so you will not thirst.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**During times of uncertainty, O God, we seek protection. We want a refuge while the storm swirls around us. From our earthly frame, we turn to people and places for strength. We forget that you will shelter us, like a hen covering her brood. Forgive us that we forget our true shelter is in you. Increase our faith, even as our own uncertainty increases. Remind us to be alert to your abiding presence. May we not be afraid. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God most high.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for never failing us. You gave us charge over your abundant creation so no one would know scarcity of deprivation. Though enslaved in Egypt, our forebears gained their freedom by following you on dry land between walls of water. Even during their wandering in the wilderness, you provided them with manna and quail. You did not abandon them when they turned to Saul and a succession of kings. You did not forsake them during their exile in Babylon. You made your ongoing presence known by coming to us in a stable. As Jesus, you made the lame leap for joy and restored sight to the blind. Jesus shared our common lot. Jesus confronted authorities with questions to guide them back to your ways. They, nevertheless, executed him on a cross. Yet, he slipped death's shackles after three days in the tomb to preach, teach, and heal for another forty days before ascending to sit with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

We proclaim this with the words of the ancient hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty,  
the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high.  
Blessed is One who comes in the name of our God.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he ate supper with his friends, including the one who would betray him. During supper he took bread and after giving thanks and blessing it, he broke it saying, "Take, eat. This is my body broken for you. As often as you eat of this remember me." Later, after supper he took a cup and after giving thanks and blessing it, he gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink of this, remember me."

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we boldly proclaim:

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

## **UNISON EPICLESIS**

**O God, we place our trust in you. Set your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this cup that in our sharing, we will be one body in Christ to proclaim the gospel's message of love to dispel fear and transform despair into hope.**

## **SHARING THE FEAST**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Generous and loving God, you welcomed us to your table. You assured us that we are welcome. You fed us and gave us drink and now we depart. Thank you for your love. We go forth from this table to proclaim in word and deed the assurance of your love and grace to those who live with uncertainty and doubt. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

## **BENEDICTION**

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981

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Ps. 46

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,  
4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;

Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.  
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.

For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er  
You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to  
The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -  
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.  
save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.  
dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.  
kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.

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