

June 20, 2021 4th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Gattone

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Amy Sell

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE A Gift for the Soul arr. T. Flight

Flight Family Trio

Risa, flute; Madeline, oboe; Taylor, bassoon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time

People: to embrace God's great kindness.

Leader: Today is the day

People: to accept God's mighty salvation.

*Opening Hymn #110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

v. 1 & 4

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

Prayer for Illumination Kathleen Custer

Faithful Father,
as the scriptures are read
reveal your truth
and reconcile our hearts
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

^{*}Standing as you are able or comfortable.

As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry. In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God. We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind. We have been beaten, been put in prison, faced angry mobs, worked to exhaustion, endured sleepless nights, and gone without food. We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love. We faithfully preach the truth. God's power is working in us. We use the weapons of righteousness in the right hand for attack and the left hand for defense. We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed. Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.

Oh, dear Corinthian friends! We have spoken honestly with you, and our hearts are open to you. There is no lack of love on our part, but you have withheld your love from us. I am asking you to respond as if you were my own children. Open your hearts to us!

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Duet/Anthem Lord, Here Am I J.N. Beck

Kathleen & Jerry Hacker, 8:30 Cathedral Singers, 11:00

Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be. Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; Willing to follow if thou will but lead; only support me with grace in my need. Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be thine, yet I am mortal while thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

*Canticle of Praise Psalm 9:9-20 Diane Gattone

Leader: The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed,

a refuge in times of trouble.

People: Those who know your name trust in you,

for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord who reigns in Jerusalem.

Tell the world about his unforgettable deeds.

People: For God vindicates the victims

and does not ignore the cries of those who suffer.

Leader: Lord, have mercy on me.

See how my enemies torment me.

Snatch me back from the jaws of death.

People: Save me so I can praise you publicly at Jerusalem's gates,

so I can rejoice that you have rescued me.

Leader: The nations have fallen into the pit they dug for others.

Their own feet have been caught in the trap they set.

People: The Lord is revealed and God's justice is enacted.

The wicked are trapped by their own deeds.

Leader: The wicked will go down to the grave.

This is the fate of all the nations who ignore God.

People: But the needy will not be ignored forever;

the hopes of the poor will not always be crushed.

Leader: Arise, O Lord!

Do not let mere mortals defy you!

Judge the nations!

People: Make them tremble in fear, O God.

Let the nations know they are merely human.

HYMN OF PRAYER #377

It Is Well with My Soul

v. 1 & 4

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Prayers of the People Amy Sell

Leader: God, in your mercy....

People: Hear our prayer.

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. Amen.

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Surprise After the Storm

Sunil Kotian

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2191

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

v. 1-4

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the waters dark and rude, and bid their angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace; O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. A. Lovelace

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Bill and Phyllis Groth's 45th wedding anniversary on June 26th.

This week's worship leaders:

Diane Gattone, Pastor of Care & Nurture
Sunil Kotian, Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Amy Sell, Minister of Discipleship & Formation

John Hague, James Horton & Dick Tiller-Luchtman, Audio Visual
Kathleen Custer, Liturgist
Mark Gilgallon, Director of Music
Heather Hinton, Organist
Kathleen & Jerry Hacker, Song Leaders (8:30)

2021 High School Graduates

Mia Kallin Alexandra Kluger Aaron Rembert David Rembert Gabriel Trivers Reese Williams

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