



June 6, 2021, 11:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Now the Silence, Now the Peace*

arr. M. Helman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For the goodness of creation,

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: For the gift of redemption,

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: For the glory of heaven,

**People: Hallelujah!**

\*OPENING HYMN #701

*When We All Get to Heaven*

v. 1, 3, 4

***Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace.***

***In the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.***

***Refrain: When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!***

***When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!***

***Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;***

***just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay. (Refrain)***

***Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold;***

***soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold. (Refrain)***

CELEBRATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SUNIL KOTIAN, PASTOR OF MISSION & OUTREACH

WELCOME

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ,

as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church

by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness,

will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Sunil in these ministries?

**People: We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers,  
presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

**People: who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.**

## SYMBOLIC GIFTS

Jacqueline Blackwell-Leonard, co-Lay Leader  
Eric Lekberg, co-Lay Leader  
Garland Graves, chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee  
Lydia Shaw, co-chair, Mission and Outreach Team  
Alan Archibald, co-chair, Justice and Advocacy Team  
Eric Galloway, chair, Green Team

## THANKSGIVING AND INVOCATION

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church.**

**We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us.**

**Draw us together in one Spirit,**

**that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body.**

**May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness,**

**and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only.**

**As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism**

**gather at his table and then scatter into the world,**

**may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amber Denney

## FIRST LESSON

### Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing your praises before the gods.

I bow before your holy temple as I worship. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.

As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.

Every ruler in all the earth will thank you, Lord, for all of them will hear your words.

Yes, they will sing about God's ways, for the glory of the Lord is very great.

Though the Lord is great, God cares for the humble and keeps distant from the proud.

Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will protect me from the anger of my enemies.

You reach out your hand, and the power of your right hand saves me.

The Lord will work out a plan for my life, for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not abandon me, for you made me.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

### *Ave Verum Corpus*

W.A. Mozart  
Cathedral Singers

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:*

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary:

*vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine;*

Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals.

*Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:*

Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:

*Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Be for us a foretaste (of heaven) during our final examining.

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

**People: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
who could stand?**

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you,

**People: so that you may be revered.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

**People: and in God's word I hope;**

Leader: my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,

**People: more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

**People: For with the Lord there is steadfast love,**

Leader: and with God is great power to redeem.

**People: It is God who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #654

*How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ*

v.1-3

***How blest are they who trust in Christ when we and those we love must part;  
we yield them up, for go they must, but do not lose them from our heart.***

***In ripened age, their harvest reaped, or gone from us in youth or prime,  
in Christ they have eternal life, released from all the bonds of time.***

***In Christ, who tasted death for us, we rise above our natural grief,  
and witness to a stricken world the strength and splendor of belief.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy Sell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*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

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Mansions, Thrones and Harps*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #700

*Abide with Me*

v. 1, 2, 5

***Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.***

***Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.***

***Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on Winchester New*

T. Clegg

*You are invited to gather for fellowship outside the east steps on the lawn.*

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Jan Esterline Yosha whose birthday is June 9.*

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Amber Denney, *Liturgist*

Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*

John Hague & James Horton, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*