



July 11, 2021 - Livestream  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Gattone

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

arr. N. Harmon

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice, pilgrims of God, give thanks and sing!

**People: With the rising of the sun we shout Hosanna!**

Leader: Rejoice, servants of Christ, give thanks and sing!

**People: With the shining of the moon we sing Alleluia!**

Leader: Rejoice, midwives of the Spirit, give thanks and sing!

**People: At our birth and at the grave we rejoice in Christ, our beginning and our end!**

\*OPENING HYMN #160

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

***Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.***

Refrain: ***Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

***Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;  
whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.*** [Refrain]

***Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.*** [Refrain]

***At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest.*** [Refrain]

***Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.*** [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Allison Galloway

**Holy God, our Strength and our Redeemer,  
by your Spirit teach us the wisdom of the scriptures  
that we may serve you with courage  
and worship you with joy,  
through Jesus Christ your Word. Amen.**

*\*Standing as you are able or comfortable.*

## FIRST LESSON

## Ephesians 1:3-14

Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. God destined us to be adopted children through Jesus Christ because of God's love. This was according to God's goodwill and plan and to honor this glorious grace that the Lord has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. We have been ransomed through God's Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on this overflowing grace, which God poured over us with wisdom and understanding. God revealed this hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*  
from *Cantate 147*

J.S. Bach  
Summer Choir

Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;  
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,  
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings;  
where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 24

Diane Gattone

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**People: for God has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**People: Such is the company of those who seek the Lord,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**People: that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is the glorious sovereign?

**People: The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**People: that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**People: The Lord of hosts,  
who is the glorious sovereign.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #175

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

***Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.***

***O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!***

***But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;  
the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.***

***Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunil Kotian

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

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

It was told King David, 'The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Covenants and Castanets*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #662

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

***Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.***

***Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,  
who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?***

***O for the living flame from his own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!***

***God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;  
then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.***

***Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless his glorious name, henceforth forevermore.***

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

arr. A. Travis

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and  
in celebration of Ron and Julie Berry's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 10<sup>th</sup>.*

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*  
Diane Gattone, *Pastor of Care & Nurture*  
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*  
Allison Galloway, *Liturgist*  
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*  
Heather Hinton, *Organist*  
James Horton, Carol Tiller-Luchtman & Jeff Linnan,  
*Audio Visual*

Children, Youth, and Families Picnic  
Tarkington Park, Sunday, July 25 12-2 p.m.  
Questions and RSVP to Amy by July 21

North Church Day of Fishing For All Ages  
Lily Lake at Eagle Creek Park  
Monday, July 19 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Questions and RSVP to Amy by July 16  
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Farmers Market, Thursday, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Free vaccinations during Farmers Market