



July 4, 2021, 11:00 a.m.  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into our hearts, Great God, and fill us with love.

**People: Come, Marvelous Sovereign, and lead us.**

Leader: Come into our minds and fill us with peace.

**People: Come, Blessed Savior, and lead us.**

Leader: Come into our lives and fill us with hope.

**People: Come, Glorious Spirit, and lead us.**

\*OPENING HYMN #340

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

v. 1-3

***Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.***

**Refrain:**

***I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;  
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

***Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)***

***Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. (Refrain)***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-5

God said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." And when God spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard God speaking to me. God said to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

Life has taught me this, every day is new; and if anything is true,  
all that matters when we're through is how we love.

Faced with what we lack, some things fall apart, but from the ashes new dreams start;  
all that matters to the heart is how we love.

How we love, how we love, from the smallest act of kindness in a word, a smile, a touch.

In spite of our mistakes, chances come again, if we lose or if we win,  
all that matters in the end is how we love.

How we love, how we love, I will not forget your kindness when I needed it so much.

Sometimes we forget, trying to be so strong in this world of right and wrong,  
all that matters when we're gone, all that mattered all along,  
all we have that carries on is how we love.

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Psalm 123

Leader: I lift my eyes to you,  
O God, enthroned in heaven.

**People: We keep looking to our Sovereign God for mercy,  
just as servants keep their eyes on their master,  
as a servant girl watches her mistress for the slightest signal.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy,  
for we have had our fill of contempt.

**People: We have had more than our fill of the scoffing of the proud  
and the contempt of the arrogant.**

## HYMN OF PRAYER #500

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

v. 1-2, 4

***Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.***

***I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.***

***Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.***

## PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Sunil Kotian

**Lord God Almighty,  
you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory,  
to serve you in freedom and in peace:  
Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice  
and the strength of forbearance,  
that we may use our liberty  
in accordance with your gracious will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayers.**

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!***

ANTHEM

*Grace*

arr. M. Hayes  
Summer Choir

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come;

this grace that brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home. I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may

dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Perfectly Weak*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #378

*Amazing Grace*

v.1-4, 6

***Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.***

***'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.***

***Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.***

***The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.***

***When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.***

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

D. German

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

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*  
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*