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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEING JESUS AROUND US

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TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

- ❖ *It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities. - J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*
- ❖ *If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed - Ancient Chinese Proverb*
- ❖ *There are so many ways to be brave in this world. Sometimes bravery involves laying down your life for something bigger than yourself, or for someone else. Sometimes it involves giving up everything you have ever known, or everyone you have ever loved, for the sake of something greater.
But sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes it is nothing more than gritting your teeth through pain, and the work of every day, the slow walk toward a better life. That is the sort of bravery I must have now. -Veronica Roth, Allegiant*
- ❖ *Any dead fish can float down the river. GO AGAINST THE FLOW!!"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Tongues of fire

C: Set our hearts ablaze with love.

L: Tongues of fire

C: Kindle our passion for justice and beauty.

L: Mighty winds

C: Blow the timidness from our words and deeds.

L: Mighty winds

C: Send us along the paths of peace and reconciliation.

L: Wind and fire

C: Make us alive and surprise us with the depths of love and the heights of joy that you stir in us.

OPENING SONG

Hope House

Let's make a ti - ny lit - tle world and call it God's world, where
Let's build a world where love and mer - cy grow like gar - dens, where

peo - ple don't bul - ly and our hearts are true and kind.
peo - ple aren't hun - gry and no - bod - y's turned a - way.

Let's make a ti - ny lit - tle house and call it Hope House, where
Let's build a place where we can un - der - stand each o - ther, where

peo - ple aren't greed - y and we leave our fears be - hind.
an - ger and pre - ju - dice can nev - er rule the day.

Chorus
A lit - tle bit of light in a world full of night. A lit - tle bit of warm
in a world full of storm. A pic - ture of the world we real - ly wan - na see. *Fine*

God is plant - ing hope a - round this world with peo - ple like you and me!

1. Oh, Let's build a place where the
2. door is al - ways o - pen, where friend - ship and for - give - ness is sim - ply what we do.

Let's build a place where we learn the art of lov - ing. We
love our friends and neiah - bors and love the strana - er. too.

THE CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond with narrow delight, hoping the invitation is only for us and not for "them." We respond hesitantly, not trusting or believing that you really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready.

Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Open up our lives and help us to let go of that which hinders our love of you and one another. Dissolve our foolish fears that make us grasp things rather than hold people. Ease us into a deep promise of community. Make us dwell in your healing forgiveness. Enable us to respond to your invitation to pray, to give, to serve. Make us open to receiving what you give and to risking something new for you. Awaken us to your Spirit and help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Amen.

THE CONFESSION RESONSE *Changed for Good*

1.No more watch - ing from the top of a tree;
2.Light the lamps and let the par - ty be - gin;
3&4.Time to break the chains that bound me so long.

no more watch - ing from a dis - tance to see;
o - pen doors and let the peo - ple come in.
There's no way that I can right all my wrongs.

love is here and love is call - ing to me;
I am miles a - way from where I have been.
Here I start and if it takes my life long,

I'm be - ing changed for good. *2nd and 3rd time to Bridge
Last time to Coda*

Bridge
Here's my pro - mise, here's my vow, things are chang - ing,
start - ing now; I was lost, now I'm found,
go and tell ev - ery - bo - dy in town. *To Verse 3 and 4*

Coda
I'm be - ing changed for good; mak - ing a change for good.

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:14 and 15

Joshua tells the people of Israel to revere God and then asks whether they will be like their ancestors who served many gods. Joshua says that he and his household will serve God. We have a similar choice to make, to serve one or many.

¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:19, 23-25

It is assumed this is being written to a Jewish or Hebrew background group of people. They would then understand the importance of animal or grain sacrifice in their religious system to allow them to enter the sanctuary of the temple and how Jesus becomes the replacement for Christians. Then appeal is made that they gather together for mutual upbuilding because they do not know the day when it would no longer be possible.

¹⁹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-28

Here Jesus encounters Pharisees, one of the Jewish leadership groups, who question why His disciples would violate Jewish law by eating on the Sabbath. Jesus then confronts them about what David, the one considered to have been the greatest of their kings, once did and then says the Sabbath was made for the benefit of humankind.

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?” ²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

MESSAGE

Why Are You Here?

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MESSAGE RESPONSE

Let This Be A Place

Let this be a place, Lord where he - roes are fash - ioned;
filled with your fire, Lord, fueled with your pas - sion.
Ev - ery - day peo - ple, walk - ing with cour - age in - to the
1. night, bring - ing the light of a new day.
Lord you have called the young and na - ive, skept - ics and cyn - ics, who
hard - ly be - lieve. Lord, you have called the wea - ry and old,
mak - ing the tim - id, cou - ra - geous and bold.
Dar - ing to face all e - vil and wrong, tell - ing the truth with a
voice clear and strong; Dar - ing to live out the words that we say;
show - ing the world a more ex - cel - lent way Let this be a
2. night, bring - ing the light of a new day;
in - to the night, bring - ing the light of a new day.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Nate Shubat: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

THE CLASS IS INTRODUCED

THE CREED

L: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word, God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

R: I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

R: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

R: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Confirmands only)

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: To live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, to follow the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Let us pray: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

More Love, More Power

More love, ___ more pow - er, more of You in my life.

More love, ___ more pow - er, more of You in my

life. And I will wor - ship You with all of my heart.

And I will wor - ship You with all of my mind. And I will wor - ship

You with all of my strength, For You are my Lord, _____

1.,2. You are my Lord. _____ 3. You are my Lord.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'More love, ___ more pow - er, more of You in my life. More love, ___ more pow - er, more of You in my life. And I will wor - ship You with all of my heart. And I will wor - ship You with all of my mind. And I will wor - ship You with all of my strength, For You are my Lord, _____. 1.,2. You are my Lord. _____ 3. You are my Lord.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests.

LAYING ON OF THE HANDS

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

P: May the God of the Heavens cause you to soar.

May the Christ of the journey light your path.

May the Spirit of power fill your heart with the courage to follow.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

Ubuntu

(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

Chorus

U - bun- tul U - bun- tul
shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where
jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The
peo- ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our
hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to
work for the peace of the land and so we do life!

Verses (echo song leader)

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union
... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother
... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,
... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us
... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

Bridge

1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;
 2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,
 3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,

made to be seen and be heard and to be known!
 moved by God's Spir - it, re - vived by hol - y flame!
 Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

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THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

*This morning we celebrate the following youth as they mark their
 Affirmation of Baptism*

Eleanor Jolouise Carlson

Alexander Thomas Davis

Delia Lucille Gunnare

Amanda Rose Hull

Kaylin Lea Kozlowski

Conrad William James Schiller

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