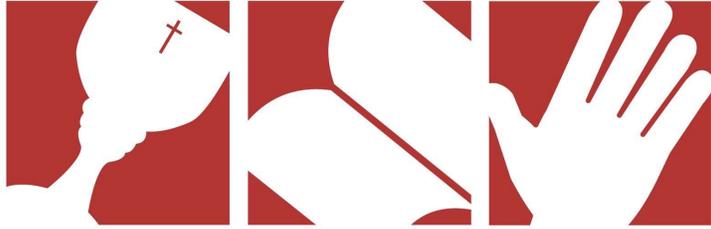


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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2020

**Prelude**

**Song: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**“Forgive Us, Lord”**

**Father, please forgive us for the things we have done.**

**We are sad and sorry for the things we have done.**

**Please forgive us, Lord. You are holy, Lord. Please wash our sins away.**

**Father, please forgive us for the things left undone.**

**We are sad and sorry for the things left undone.**

**Please forgive us, Lord. You are holy, Lord. Please wash our sins away.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## COLLECT

P: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you!**

P: We greet one another in the peace of the Lord.

*You are welcome to greet each other as forgiven brothers and sisters in Jesus, in your homes and in our chat, or send a text to someone you know sharing the peace of Jesus is for them.*

## READINGS

A Reading from Jeremiah 28:5–9

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. <sup>6</sup>He said, “Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord’s house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all

the people: <sup>8</sup> From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true.”

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from Romans 7:1–13

<sup>7</sup> Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? <sup>2</sup> For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. <sup>3</sup> So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

<sup>4</sup> So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup> For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

<sup>7</sup> What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. <sup>9</sup> Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. <sup>10</sup> I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. <sup>12</sup> So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: The Holy Gospel according St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup> “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

<sup>36</sup> a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

<sup>37</sup> “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.<sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.<sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### SONG

“Even So Come”

#### Verse 1

All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.  
Jesus is coming soon.

#### Verse 2

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame.  
Jesus is coming soon.

#### Chorus 1

**Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:  
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.**

#### Verse 3

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever faithful and true.  
Jesus is coming soon.

#### Bridge

So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait, You're coming soon. *(repeat)*

#### Chorus 2

**Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.  
Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:  
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.  
(Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.)**

#### Bridge

God, we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait, You're coming soon.  
God, we wait, we wait for You. Yes, we wait, You're coming soon.  
God, we wait, You're coming soon.

## SERMON

P: Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS

A: Lord in Your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Rejoicing in God, we pray:

**ALL: 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with You.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We welcome you who took up a cross for our sake, and invited us to follow in both pattern and practice, that the glory of your work would be shown in us. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C: Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## BENEDICTION

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING SONG

### “Death Was Arrested”

#### Verse 1

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin, lost without hope with no place to begin,  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in when death was arrested and my life began!

#### Verse 2

Ash was redeemed, only beauty remains. My orphan heart was given a name.  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance when death was arrested and my life began.

#### Chorus 1

Oh, Your grace so free washes over me. You have made me new now life begins with You!

#### Verse 3

Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more. My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend when death was arrested and my life began.

#### Chorus 2

Oh, Your grace so free washes over me. You have made me new now life begins with You!  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us. You have made us new now life begins with You!

#### Verse 4

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross, darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.  
That's when death was arrested and my life began!  
That's when death was arrested and my life began!

#### Bridge

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free! Come join the song of all the redeemed!  
Yes, we're free, free, forever amen, when death was arrested and my life began!

#### Ending

When death was arrested and my life began, that's when death was arrested and my life began!

## DISTRIBUTION

Song:

### “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

#### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

#### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

#### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

**“In Tenderness”**

Verse 1

In tenderness He sought me, weary and sick with sin.  
And on His shoulders brought me back to His fold again  
While angels in His presence sang, until the courts of heaven rang.

Chorus

Oh, the love that sought me! Oh, the blood that bought me!  
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold of God,  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God!

Verse 2

He died for me while I was sinning, needy and poor and blind.  
He whispered to assure me, “I've found thee, thou art Mine!”  
I'd never heard a sweeter voice. It made my aching heart rejoice! *(to chorus)*

Chorus

Oh, the love that sought me! Oh, the blood that bought me!  
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold of God,  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God!

Verse 3

Upon His grace I'll daily ponder and sing anew His praise.  
With all adoring wonder, His blessings I retrace.  
It seems as if eternal days are far too short to sing His praise. *(to chorus)*

**“I'll Fly Away”**

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away. Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away. To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

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