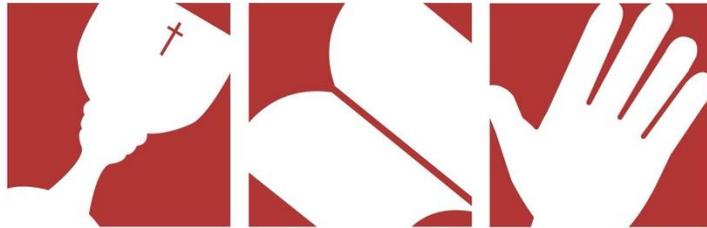


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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

## 12<sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2020

### Prelude

#### Song: You Are So Good To Me

##### Verse 1

You are so good to me  
You heal my broken heart  
You are my Father in heaven (2X)

##### Verse 2

You ride upon the clouds  
You lead me to the truth  
You are the Spirit inside me (2X)

##### Chorus

You are beautiful  
My sweet sweet song  
You are beautiful  
My sweet sweet song  
You are beautiful  
My sweet sweet song  
I will sing again (mm) (hey yeah)  
I will sing again (hey)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

### OFFERING OF CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

##### Bridge

You are my strong melody  
You are my dancing rhythm  
You are my perfect rhyme  
And I want to sing forever

##### Verse 3

You poured out all Your blood  
You died upon the cross  
You are my Jesus who loves me (2X)

##### Ending

You are my Father in heaven  
You are the Spirit inside me  
You are my Jesus who loves me

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

#### GIFT OF ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### COLLECT

P: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Isaiah 51:1–6

51 “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness  
and who seek the Lord:

Look to the rock from which you were cut  
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

<sup>2</sup>look to Abraham, your father,  
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man,  
and I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>The Lord will surely comfort Zion  
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;  
he will make her deserts like Eden,  
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.  
Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

<sup>4</sup>“Listen to me, my people;  
hear me, my nation:  
Instruction will go out from me;  
my justice will become a light to the nations.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near speedily,  
my salvation is on the way,  
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.  
The islands will look to me  
and wait in hope for my arm.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
look at the earth beneath;  
the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment  
and its inhabitants die like flies.  
But my salvation will last forever,  
my righteousness will never fail.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from Romans 11:33—12:8

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!

<sup>34</sup>“Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay them?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

**12** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these

members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup> Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. <sup>30</sup> Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. <sup>31</sup> The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

<sup>32</sup> Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

<sup>33</sup> His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?"

<sup>34</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

<sup>35</sup> He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. <sup>36</sup> Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. <sup>37</sup> They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>38</sup> The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>39</sup> After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Hymn: I Know My Faith is Founded**

SERMON | Special Guest: Delinia Parris, Feeding the Dream – St. Paul

## Song: Let Me Count the Ways

### Verse 1

How many times, Lord, have I been cared for  
Every step You've been with me  
So many moments I have been broken  
Only to find You could fix me

### Chorus

Let me count the ways  
Let me count the days that You have been  
faithful  
Let me count the ways  
Let me count the days that You have been  
faithful

### Verse 2

All of my shortfalls, all of my bad calls  
All of my wrongs met with mercy  
I don't deserve it, but You say I'm worth it  
Again and again You forgive me

### Bridge

Let me count the ways  
Let me count the days  
Let me count the ways that You have been  
faithful Let me count the ways  
Let me count the days  
Let me count the ways that You have been  
faithful

### Verse 3

There is no end to the times You will rescue  
One of Your own from despair  
And, Lord, I know this, 'cause I am a witness  
To all of the times You've been there

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.**

BENEDICTION

**Hymn: Built on the Rock**

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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