

# Worship Service ~ June 13, 2021, 10:30

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:  
welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.  
MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

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OPENING SONG            *Come Thou Fount*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.  
~Silence for reflection~

L: God, our provider, help us.

**C: It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God,

**C: you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYER LAB MINUTE

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from Ezekiel.

#### **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

R: A Gospel reading from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark.

#### **Mark 4:26-34**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SONG OF THE DAY     *You Have Shown Us*

MESSAGE   Rev. Julie Wright, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of love,

**C: you call us beloved children and welcome us. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG     *Build Your Kingdom Here*

#### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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