

**11th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 16, 2020**

**Gathering  
God invites us to enter His presence**

**Prelude**

*Praise to the Lord of Boundless Might  
Trusting Jesus*

*Scott  
Loree*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

**! Call to Worship**

*Bonnie Mecaughey*

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Let us worship the Triune God.

**! Invocation**

*Bonnie Mecaughey*

God our Father,  
we call on you like little children because we know  
that you love us and care for us like a loving parent.  
Because your Son, Jesus, prayed to you as Father,  
so we pray this way.  
You created us to live with you and to ask for your help and guidance. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise 185**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most—  
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small:*

*Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**Confessing**  
**God invites us to be honest with Him**

**Prayer of Confession**  
*(Responsively)*

*Bonnie Mecaughey*

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you  
and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.  
For the times we have hurt the members of our families  
by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right  
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we refused to forgive others.

**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Bonnie Mecaughey*

Remember these things, O Jacob,  
and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you, you are my servant;  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.  
I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,  
and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**🕯 Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*


**Offering**  
**Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him**

**Invitation** As we come before God with our tithes and offerings, let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Thus we bring our money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God.

**Offering**

*\*Please place your offerings in the plate in the back of the church on your way out.*

**Special Music** *Faith of Our Fathers*  
(Bill Mecaughey, Pamela Johnson)

 **Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you.  
You fill us with good things.  
Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance.  
With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents,  
and tithes.  
Use these gifts that you have given us  
to feed others as we have been fed,  
to serve others as we have been served,  
and to bless others as we have been blessed,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** *John 13:34-35; 15:12-17*

**13** <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**15** <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

**Sermon**

*“The New Command  
Tim Latham*

**Responding**

***We respond to God’s Word***

**Hymn 284**

*They’ll Know we are Christians by our Love*

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*(Refrain)*

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:  
Refrain.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each other’s pride:  
Refrain.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
Refrain.*

**✠ Confession of Faith (Apostle’s Creed)**

**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 buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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.

### Prayers of the People/ Lord's Prayer

Leader: *Lord, In your Mercy*  
All: *Hear our Prayer*

### Commissioning *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

### Hymn 462 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

*We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go a stray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.*

*Early let us seek Thy favor;*

*Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Organ Postlude**

*The Way of the Lord*

*Ritter*