

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

‡ Call to Worship

Bonnie Mecaughey

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls
to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**
Let us worship the Triune God.

‡ Invocation

Bonnie Mecaughey

O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. **Amen.**

‡ Hymn 12

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

*Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee:
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.*

*Hark, the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs
Above are raising;
Cherubin and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit:
Three we name Thee, Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim Thee,
And adoring, bend the knee
while we sing our praise to Thee.
A-men.*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unending, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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 Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offering

Offertory

Blessed Assurance Knapp
Flute/Piano Duet Pamela Johnson & Thomas Alberici

! 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, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

! Hymn

Open the Eyes of My Heart

*Chorus (X 2)
Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You*

*Verse
To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy*

*Bridge
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You*

Chorus (X 2)

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Sermon

"The Body of Christ"
Rev. Dr. Dennis Lesher

Responding

We respond to God's Word

Hymn 382

Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Fther, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. A-men.*

Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

People: **We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary, and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the
Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 26

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe—
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He—Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.*

*And tho this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him—
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also—the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever. A-men.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

The Shepherd"
(Pamela Johnson/Thomas Alberici)

Sternberg