

August 21, 2022 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE

Ina Davenport

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God.

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves,

we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need,

we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

We are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING The King of Love My Shepherd Is #502 (red book, rear section)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am thine and thou are mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul thou leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love thou sought me, and on thy shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.

Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit (+) be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (Spanish setting)

page 175 (red hymnal, front part)

Lord have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray together... O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:9b-14

The first lesson for Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Isaiah, the 58^{th} chapter, beginning with the second half of the 9^{th} verse.

God's Message:

"If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people's sins, if you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.

I will always show you where to go.

I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places – firm muscles, strong bones.

You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry.

You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew.

rebuild the foundations from out of your past.

You'll be known as those who can fix anything,

restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again.

"If you watch your step on the Sabbath

and don't use my holy day for personal advantage,

if you treat the Sabbath as a day of joy, God's holy day as a celebration,

if you honor it by refusing 'business as usual, making money,

running here and there -

then you'll be free to enjoy God!

Oh, I'll make you ride high and soar above it all.

I'll make you feast on the inheritance of your ancestors

Jacob and Leah and Rachel."

Yes! God says so!

[The Message]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits -

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; **who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed**

like an eagle's.

O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

[New Revised Standard Version]

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

The Second Reading for this Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the 12th chapter of Hebrews, beginning with the 18th verse.

Unlike your ancestors, you didn't come to Mount Sinai -

all that volcanic blaze and earthshaking rumble -

to hear God speak.

The earsplitting words and soul-shaking message terrified them

and they begged God to stop.

When they heard the words – "If an animal touches the Mountain, it's as good as dead" – they were afraid to move.

Even Moses was terrified.

No, that's not *your* experience at all.

You've come to Mount Zion, the city where the living God resides.

The invisible Jerusalem is populated by throngs of festive angels and Christian citizens.

It is the city where God is Judge, with judgments that make us just.

You've come to Jesus, who presents us with a new covenant.

He is the Mediator of this covenant.

The murder of Jesus, unlike Abel's – a homicide that cried out for vengeance – became a proclamation of grace.

So don't turn a deaf ear to these gracious words.

If those who ignored earthly warnings didn't get away with it,

what will happen to us if we turn our backs on heavenly warnings?

God's voice that time shook the earth to its foundations;

this time – God's told us this quite plainly – God will also rock the heavens:

"One last shaking, from top to bottom, stem to stern."

The phrase "one last shaking" means a thorough housecleaning,

getting rid of all the historical and religious junk

so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered.

Do you see what we've got?

An unshakable kingdom!

And do you see how thankful we must be?

Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God.

For God is not an indifferent bystander.

God is actively cleaning house, torching all that needs to burn,

and God won't quit until it's all cleansed.

God indeed is Fire!

[The Message]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

page 179 (red hymnal, front section)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:10-17

The gospel lesson for this Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the 13th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 10th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

And just then there appeared a woman

with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years.

She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,

"Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

When he laid his hands on her,

immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath,

kept saying to the crowd,

"There are six days on which work ought to be done;

come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

But the Lord answered him and said,

"You hypocrites!

Does not each of you on the sabbath

untie your ox or your donkey from the manger,

and lead it away to give it water?

And ought not this woman,

a daughter of Abraham and Sarah

whom Satan bound for eighteen long years,

be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame;

and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

[The New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Faith and Patience

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #611 (red hymnal, rear section)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;

look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and 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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds, especially Morro Bay and Estuary, Sweet Springs Nature Preserve, Elfin Forest, and the Los Osos Creek Wetland Preserve. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress, and others in need of our prayers, especially,

- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, now in rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- completed final round of chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law- recovering from a stroke
- Edith Tway- moving from the hospital again to rehab

- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- whose doctors are turning to different healing techniques
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend-recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- recovering from a complicated bladder replacement surgery
- Pastor Mary the passing of her brother, Tim Stein
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- adjusting to the new baclofen pump
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff, for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering well from brain surgery-
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Garrett Stapp, Please join us in praying that his body will receive the new heart, and that there will be no forms of rejection.
- For Vern and Edith West, that they stay safe and healthy
- For Laura Salazar and her family
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Pastor Brian Stein-Webber, Nalani Jacoby, David Muff and Kevin Rocha who celebrate their birthdays this week

Merciful God.

receive our prayer.

You call us to delight in the Sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service, especially Pastor David Ryal, Pastor Brian, Joyce Bauer and Janet Lorenzo. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We also offer these prayers, spoken and unspoken, from those assembled here [offer your prayers, either aloud or silently]...

Merciful God.

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Holy, Holy

p. 181 (red hymnal, front section)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord. Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power, holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us hear and sing the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

p.174 (red hymnal, front section)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
AMEN.

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us, comfort us,
and show us the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #858 (red hymnal, rear section)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to the temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with great love God befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from God's people again. Gladly forever adore him!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer,** for assisting in worship.
- Nancy Koppl, for teaching Sunday School.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- Nikki Rocha for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling worship bulletins.
- Nancy Padilla, for setting up and welcoming.

- **Gary and Mark Orback,** for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo,** for tending to our inside property.

Announcements and Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship for conversation and fellowship. We will be doing so without coffee or treats until further notice.
- **Welcome to Juliana Stein-Webber,** who is here to celebrate her father's 67th birthday!
- **Sundy Undy!** This coming Sunday and every Sunday in September will be a "Sundy Undy" Sunday! We're collecting underwear and socks in all sizes for Iglesia and the Prado center. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation instead of shopping for undies. Just place your donation in an offering envelope and mark it "undies".
- **The next trip to Iglesia** will be on August 29. There is a list of needed food items in the Iglesia Newsletter that is posted in the Narthex. If you have food donations, please bring them before August 29.
- **Still need yard sale donations and helpers for the big sale on October 1**! You can bring your donations ahead of time and we will store them until the sale. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee counter in the Fellowship Hall. Please help with this very important fund raiser!
- The draft August Council Meeting Minutes are now posted in the Narthex.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing how God is showing up in our lives.
- **Bible Study** on Wednesday, August 24th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Morro Bay Historical Society** meeting in Fellowship Hall on Aug. 28- 3:00-5:00- topic preservation of historical buildings in MB. All are welcome to attend.
- **Sunday, August 28th, 10:00 am,** worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall.
- **Note that we are still strongly asking for the use of masks in worship**, for the sake of those whose health is compromised or weak.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.

Don't forget to check the **Calendar website page** for upcoming events: morrobaylutherans.org