

Sunday, June 14, 2015
Third Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Shall We Gather at the River”

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Chorus: Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, We will talk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **Chorus:**

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **Chorus:**

Soon we’ll reach the silver river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **Chorus:**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK **Michelle Plagman**

OPENING HYMN: “In the Garden”

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

Chorus: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.

Chorus:

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe His voice to me is calling.

Chorus:

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean,
the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God and Father of all,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, 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.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:

“Lord Reign in Me”

1. Over all the Earth, you reign on high, every mountain stream, every sunset sky. But my one request, Lord my only aim...Is that you reign in me again.

Chorus: Lord reign in me, reign in your power, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord, of all I am...So won't you reign in me again.

2. Over every thought, over every word may my life reflect, the beauty of my Lord. You mean more to me, than any earthly thing...So won't you reign in me again. **Chorus:**

Repeat Chorus

FIRST READING: Corinthians 5:6–10, 16–17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 20

The LORD gives victory to the anointed one. (Ps. 20:6)

¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

²**send you help from the sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion;**

³may the LORD remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

⁴**grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans. R**

⁵We will shout for joy at your victory and unfurl our banners in the name of our God; may the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶**Now I know that the LORD gives victory to the anointed one; God will answer out of the holy heaven, gaining victory with a strong right hand. R**

⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we rely on the name of the LORD our God.

⁸**They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.**

⁹O LORD, give victory to the king and answer us when we call. R

GOSPEL: GOSPEL: Mark 4:26–34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

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

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet 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."

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

SERMON: "Hamburgers Don't Grow on Trees"

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Amazing Grace, Alleluia”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found. I once was blind but now I see.

Chorus: Alleluia Allelu, Allelu-ia Alleluia
Allelu-ia Al-le-lu, Alleluia Al-le-lu Alleluia

Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Chorus: Alleluia Allelu, Allelu-ia Alleluia
Allelu-ia Al-le-lu, Alleluia Al-le-lu Alleluia

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live

Chorus: Alleluia Allelu, Allelu-ia Alleluia
Allelu-ia Al-le-lu, Alleluia Al-le-lu Alleluia

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you reveal yourself in word and water, bread and wine. Show us your will as we worship and send us forth as signs of unexpected grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the trees sing of your faithfulness. Give growth to trees and shrubs, grasses and all flowering things, that their beauty may flourish for their sakes and ours. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, you provide for all peoples and nations. We pray for governments and international organizations, for all who shelter refugees and strive for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love, you know our hurts and failings. We pray for those who are homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, hungry, and sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you prosper the work of our hands. We pray for the outreach ministries of this congregation (*especially*). We trust your Spirit moving through and among us even when we do not see the fruits of our labors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember in thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us (*especially Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Macrina*). Anchor us in the triune God, confident in the abundant life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMNS: “Down By the Riverside”

Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside
And study war no more.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the
riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside and study
war no more.

**Chorus: I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.**

Gonna put on my long white robe; down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna put on my long white robe; down by the riverside
And study war no more.

Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace, down By the riverside,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace, down by the riverside
And study war no more.

Chorus x 2

“I Shall Walk in the Presence of God”

1. I shall walk in the presence of God; I shall walk.
With the sun and the rain upon me I shall walk.
In the land of the living, living land I shall walk.
With my sisters and brothers around me I shall walk.

2. I shall sing in the presence of God; I shall sing.
With the sun and the rain upon me I shall sing.
In the land of the living, living land I shall sing.
With my sisters and brothers around me I shall sing.

3. I shall breathe in the presence of God; I shall breathe.
With the sun and the rain upon me I shall breathe.
In the land of the living, living land I shall breathe.
With my sisters and brothers around me I shall breathe.

4. I shall dance in the presence of God; I shall dance.
With the sun and the rain upon me I shall dance.
In the land of the living, living land I shall dance.
With my sisters and brothers around me I shall dance.

Repeat #1

It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Saturday – Marilyn Samuelson & Eric Emerson
Sunday - The Praise Team

Greeters: Keith & Dawn Kellen

Ushers: 8:30 am — Don & Donna Myhre
10:00 am – Steve Long

Lector: 8:30 am – Myra Honl

Hospitality Hosts: Karen & Rich Caron, Keith & Dawn Kellen

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Saturday, June 6, 2015: 5:00pm 31

Sunday, June 7, 2015: 8:30am 110 10:00am 48

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda June 15 through June 20, 2015

Monday	6/15	9:00-11:30am	VBS
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle (at Kathy Bauer's home)
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/16	9:00-11:30am	VBS
		6:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	6/17	8:00-12:00	WIC (in the nursery)
		9:00-11:30am	VBS
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/18	9:00-11:30am	VBS
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers (at Kathy Bauer's home)
		6:00 pm	Hand Bell Practice
Friday	6/19	9:00-11:30am	VBS
		6:00pm	VBS Gathering for Family
Saturday	6/20	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	6/21	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Servers Needed Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn.

New Members We receive new members the last Sunday of the month. If you are interested in membership or associate membership, please talk to Pastor Raisanen.

Lend a Hand Today after coffee & treats we need help taking down the tables and chairs to get the Fellowship Hall ready for Vacation Bible School. Please stay and lend a hand with this project.

Memorial Service for Maxine Pearson who passed away December 11, 2014 will be held on Sunday, June 28th at 2:00pm at Church. Luncheon will follow.

WANTED: Church Treasurer for our church. Duties include paying bills, maintaining records and providing monthly reports to Council. Approximately 20 hours/month required. Basic accounting and financial record keeping and fundamental computer knowledge required. If you have these skills and would like to make a difference for our church, contact the church secretary for full job description and application form.

Christian Women's Club is inviting Men & Women this month to a talk & luncheon at Buzzy's on the Bay. The male speaker's topic will be: Desperate Moments – The Making of a Transformed Life and Your Bucket List / Your Legacy. Thursday, June 18th from 12:30pm-2:00pm. \$8.00 per person includes lunch and talk. Please call Beverly Thompson (320 676-3148) for reservations.

Celebration of Freedom Service will be held on Saturday, July 4th at 5:00pm and Sunday, July 5th at 10:00am. Classic Rock will be the music featured. John Koziol, Jr. and friends will sing “Don't Stop Believing”, “Turn, Turn, Turn”, “Here Comes the Sun” and more. Come and celebrate your freedom on the 4th & 5th of July.

Veggie Stand opens on Saturday, July 4th.

Beef and Corn Feed will be on Saturday, July 25th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm