

**Worship 9:30 a.m.**  
**Third Sunday of Pentecost**

**Sunday June 21, 2020**

**Call to Worship:**

Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you. AMEN.

**Hymn – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Chorus:*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Chorus:*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Chorus:*

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### **Prayer of CONFESSION & PARDON**

**Forgiving and gracious Lord, we come here this day with so many things on our hearts. We've managed to get through spring and are heading toward the complexities of the summer months. These months for many will be times of transition; children graduating from school and heading out into the world; young people getting married; families planning vacations; some people planning retirement. For others the transitions may be from healthy living to lives filled with illness and pain. We confess that we haven't always paid attention to these transitions, unaware of the spiritual and emotional adjustments that they require of those in the process. Forgive us when we get so busy with our own lives that we don't take time to reach out to someone who is ill; someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one; someone who feels lost and alone. Remind us again of how Christ offered his whole life that we might live. He taught us how to be people of compassion and reconciliation. Be with us as we seek to turn our lives around, back toward you, O Lord; for it is in Jesus' Name that we offer this prayer. AMEN.**

*Words of Assurance*

Dear friends, listen to the good news! Christ came to give us new life; to redeem and heal our brokenness. We are made whole through his boundless love. AMEN.

**Choir Anthem/special music**

**Children's Time**

**CONCERNS AND PRAYERS, The Peace of Christ**

**Worship In Thanksgiving**

Offertory

\*Doxology #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE      Matthew 10:24-39      Common English Bible**

<sup>24</sup> "Disciples aren't greater than their teacher, and slaves aren't greater than their master.

<sup>25</sup> It's enough for disciples to be like their teacher and slaves like their master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, it's certain that they will call the members of his household by even worse names.

<sup>26</sup> "Therefore, don't be afraid of those people because nothing is hidden that won't be revealed, and nothing secret that won't be brought out into the open.

<sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, announce from the rooftops.

<sup>28</sup> Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but can't kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell.

<sup>29</sup> Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. <sup>30</sup> Even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>33</sup> But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> "Don't think that I've come to bring peace to the earth. I haven't come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> I've come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

<sup>36</sup> People's enemies are members of their own households.

<sup>37</sup> "Those who love father or mother more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren't worthy of me.

<sup>38</sup> Those who don't pick up their crosses and follow me aren't worthy of me.

<sup>39</sup> Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**SPECIAL HYMN**

**"Gloria Patri"**

**UMH 70**

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. Amen. Amen.

## **Reflection**

### **Closing Hymn    *“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”***

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart;  
rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

2. Your clear hosannas raise,  
and alleluias loud;  
whilst answering echoes upward float,  
like wreaths of incense cloud.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

3. Yes, on through life's long path,  
still chanting as ye go;  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

4. At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their heavenly home,  
Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

5. Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

## **Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

### **Benediction and Postlude**

God has given you all that you will need as you reach out in love and caring to others. Go into God's world bringing the good news of redemption and hope. In Jesus' Name, go in peace and may the God of Peace go with you always. AMEN.

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