

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

**Sunday June 28, 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 – “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”**

1. Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
  - *Refrain:*  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
2. “Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
  - *Refrain:*  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
  - *Refrain:*  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

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

**Patient Lord, we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet, but you know that sometimes we shy away from reaching out. We make judgments about others based on their appearance and other surface factors, and we neglect your mandate to be a welcoming presence. That lack of welcome extends further when we see needs that must be addressed and choose to turn our backs. We turn away from the pain and suffering, protecting our own lives. Yet you remind us that as we welcome others, so we are also welcoming you. Heal us and give us strength and courage to always be welcoming others in your name. AMEN.**

#### *Words of Assurance*

How wonderful it is to be welcomed by our Lord through God's church. Rejoice in God's welcoming love for you. 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 10:40-42     Common English Bible**

<sup>40</sup> "Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me.

<sup>41</sup> Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

<sup>42</sup> I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."

**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    *“Something Beautiful”***

Something beautiful, something good;  
All my confusion he understood;  
All I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,  
But he made something beautiful of my life.

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

#### **Benediction and Postlude**

Do not ever be afraid to welcome others. Bring your welcoming, accepting spirit to all those whom you meet. May God go with you on your journey this week and all of your days. Amen.

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