

Contemporary Worship Service | 07/26/20

Time After Pentecost – Lectionary 17

Prelude

Gathering Song

Make Me a Servant (sung by worship team)

Welcome and Announcements

L: Please pray with me as we prepare our hearts for worship: O God, thank you for Jesus whose scarred hands reach out to us, heal us, and love us. As you call our names, we offer to you our praise and worship.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Song

Heart of Worship (sung by the worship team)

Prayer of the Day,

Please stand as you are able.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen. *You may be seated to hear God's word.***

Readings:

1 Kings 3:5-12

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon

Song of the Day

You Are Mine (sung by worship team)

Apostles Creed **Please stand,**

L: Please stand, as you are able, to hear our confession of faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the 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. And all God's people said:

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church

L: Confident in your care and led by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(brief silence)

L: Merciful God, your reign is revealed to us in common things: a mustard shrub, a woman baking bread, a field, a fishing net. Help your church witness to the surprising and yet ordinary ways you come to us in daily life. Grant wisdom and endurance to our church leaders as they continue to guide us in these challenging times. Lord in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

L: When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation. Guide the work of scientists and researchers, who, through shared knowledge, guide us in ways to live in harmony with all that you have created. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the nations of our world and for their leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. Bridge the chasms that divide us and grant trust among the nations that we may live in health and peace. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for the saints according to your will. Help us when we do not know how to pray. We remember especially Mel, Dan, Bev, Marilyn, Lorna, those on our prayer list, and those we name before you or in the silence of our hearts. (wait) Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You show steadfast love and direct us to ask of you what we need. Help this congregation ask boldly for what is most needed. Refresh your church in this place with new vision for the future. Sustain our ministries and deepen our relationship with the wider community. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you, and those too deep for words, in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering:

L: I invite you to consider the many gifts that God has given you and how you will use them in service to your neighbor. Your offering gifts may be left in the basket at the exit as you leave.

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray. Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all. Unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

C: Amen.

L: As we continue our worship with the liturgy for communion, I ask you to please wait to open you communion elements until after the Lord's prayer, when you will be instructed to do so.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

C: **Our Father, who 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

You may be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

L: Listen as Jesus whispers your name. Receive now the body of Christ, given for you.
And all God's people say,

C: **Amen.**

L: Receive now the blood of Christ, shed for you. All God's people say,

C: **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Post Communion Blessing/Prayer

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in faith.

C: **Amen.**

L: God how marvelous! How wonderful is your great love poured out for us. May our lives ever sing the song of your love.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Step By Step (sung by the worship team)

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!.

C: **Thanks be to God!**