



9th Sunday After Pentecost – July 25, 2021 – 10:45 AM

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***Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community
sharing the glory of God's love with all.***

Prelude This little Light of Mine arr by Hayes Katie Wynkoop

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

*Hymn #89 "My Song Forever Shall Record"

1 My song forever shall record
the tender mercies of the Lord;
your faithful love will I proclaim,
and every age shall know your name.

2 I sing of mercies that endure,
forever firm, forever sure,
a strong support that never dies,
established changeless in the skies.

3 Almighty God, your lofty throne
has justice for its cornerstone,
and shining bright before your face
are truth and love and boundless grace.

4 With blessing is the nation crowned
whose people know the joyful sound;
they in the light, O Lord, shall live,
the light your face and favor give.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Hymn #447 “We Are Forgiven”

Glory to God Hymnal

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Reading—Psalm 89:20-37 (NRSV) Liturgist

20 I have found my servant David;
 with my holy oil I have anointed him;
21 my hand shall always remain with him;
 my arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not outwit him,
 the wicked shall not humble him.
23 I will crush his foes before him
 and strike down those who hate him.
24 My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;
 and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

25 I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.
26 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'
27 I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.
28 Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,
and my covenant with him will stand firm.
29 I will establish his line forever,
and his throne as long as the heavens endure.
30 If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my ordinances,
31 if they violate my statutes
and do not keep my commandments,
32 then I will punish their transgression with the rod
and their iniquity with scourges;
33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love,
or be false to my faithfulness.
34 I will not violate my covenant,
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.
35 Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.
36 His line shall continue forever,
and his throne endure before me like the sun.
37 It shall be established forever like the moon,
an enduring witness in the skies."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk With Children

Erin Wise

The Gospel Reading—Matthew 5:1-9, 16 (NRSV)

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" Pastor Tom Billman

Special Music Peace, Perfect Peace arr Cain & Kadidio Whitney Dodds

Invitation to the Offering

Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

*Hymn #606

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

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn #753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" *Glory to God Hymnal*

1 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3 O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.
Charge & Benediction

Postlude Reprise of Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Katie Wynkoop

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