SOTC Virtual Worship June 14, 2020 Second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING -

Welcome

Congregation is invited to light their candle as a sign of God's presence with us, and the presence of all in the body of Christ, as we begin worship.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Congregation is invited to have a large bowl and a separate container of water nearby as we remember the gift of baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothes with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

Congregation is invited to pour water into a bowl

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

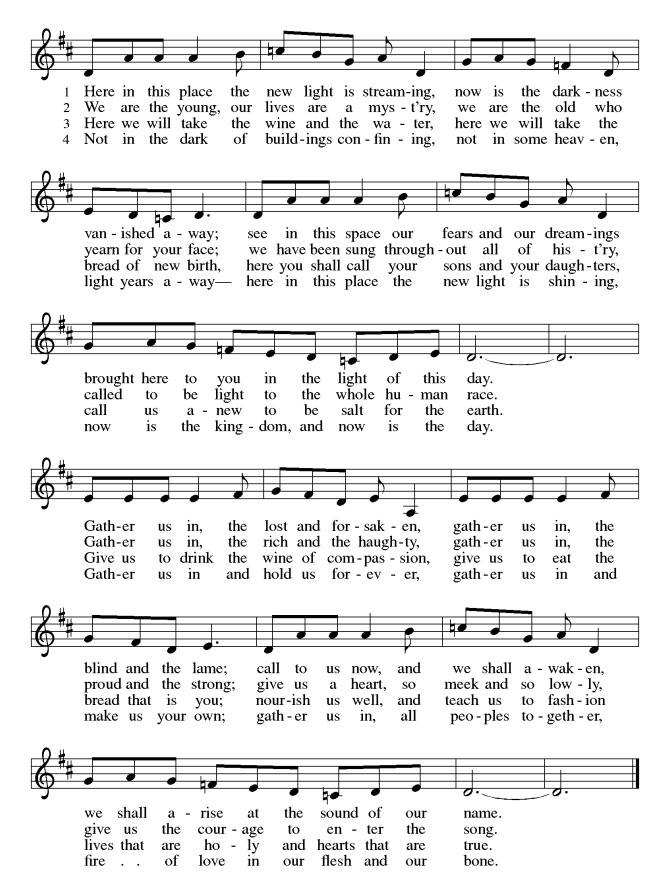
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals that survived the flood; Hagar discovering your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and the drink you provided for them gushing from the rock. Naaman's leprosy that was washed away, and the Samaritan woman who would never thirst again.

Mindful of your water of life throughout history and flowing through us, we pray: Praise to you for the waters of baptism and for your Word which saves us. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation is invited to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of those they are worshipping with/themselves, saying: "May God's water of life flow through you to others."

GATHERING SONG – Gather Us In (ELW 532)



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, look upon us in compassion and shepherd us in your care. Pour your love into our hearts, that convinced of your good news, we may have the courage to speak and enact your truth. Lead us by your Spirit, and embolden us to live out your mission. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

_____ Word _____

PSALM: PSALM 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ²Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. ⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

READING: MATTHEW 9:35-10:23

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead,

cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at <u>pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com</u>

MEAL

SONG: We Come to the Hungry Feast (ELW 479, vs. 1-2)



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

You are encouraged to share bread/crackers and wine/grape juice with those in your household, saying "The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are by yourself, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as words spoken for you. All are welcome to share in God's feast that makes us one. BLESSING Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the blessing of our almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

SENDING

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all! And also with you!

All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those in their homes or via text/phone call/virtually with others in the congregation.

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