



SOTC Worship  
July 25, 2021  
Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

MEET WITH ME

I'm here to meet with you; come and meet with me  
I'm here to find you; reveal yourself to me

As I wait you make me strong  
As I long, draw me to your arms  
As I stand and sing your praise  
You come, you come and you fill this place  
Won't you come? Won't you come and fill this place?

*Repeat as led by musicians*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and each other, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

**Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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#### WORD

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#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### READING: 2 KINGS 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

#### PSALM: PSALM 145:10-18

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>**to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**<sup>17</sup>The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

#### READING: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN

FILL MY CUP

Fill my cup and let it overflow, whoa...  
Fill my cup and let it overflow, oh yeah!  
Fill my cup and let it overflow, let it overflow with love.

Jesus loves me this I know, whoa...  
For the Bible tells me so, oh yeah!  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, whoa...  
That saved a wretch like me, oh yeah!  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Fill my cup...

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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. Amen.**

#### 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 [pastor@shepherdofthecross.org](mailto:pastor@shepherdofthecross.org)*

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

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### MEAL

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#### OFFERING

#### SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

We do not not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu Alleluia

#### OFFERING PRAYER

#### 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Congregation is invited to receive the sacrament communally with the entire congregation or within their family units. If you are worshipping on your own, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as God's Word of promise is spoken to you. All are welcome to share in God's feast given to us in love.*

### COMMUNION SONG

#### LORD, YOU ARE (MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER)

Lord, you are, more precious than silver  
Lord, you are, more costly than gold.  
Lord, you are, more beautiful than diamonds.  
And nothing I desire compares with you.

And the Lord said  
"Child, you are, more precious than silver  
Child, you are, more costly than gold.  
Child, you are, more beautiful than diamonds.  
And nothing I desire compares with you.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

## EVERY MOVE I MAKE

Every move I make, I make in You  
You make me move Jesus  
Every breath I take, I breathe in You  
Every step I take, I take in You  
You find my way Jesus  
Every breath I take I breathe in You

Waves of mercy, waves of grace  
Everywhere I look, I see your face  
Your love has captured me  
Oh, my God this love, how can it be?  
How can it be?

(1, 2, 3, 4!)  
Na, na, na-na-na-na-na...

*Repeat entire song*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world.  
Go with peace, and go with courage,  
as the Spirit empowers you, to share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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