

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**THEME:** God restores us as His prized possessions.

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING BLESSING

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

**C: Amen**

#### **OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER**

P: We join in confessing our sins to God in order to hear once again his forgiveness that frees us from the guilt of our sin and allows us to live in joy and hope following Christ:

**C: Dear Lord, we come to you in all honesty and humility, admitting that we are sinners—we have sinned in our evil thoughts, in our hurtful words, and in our destructive actions. We also admit that we have at times slipped back into a lifestyle that is comfortable with the secular world around us, but not you. Forgive us, Lord, and strengthen our weak wills by the power of Your Spirit, so that we might hold on to that simple, pure Gospel of your gracious gift of salvation, and to share that good news with others in whatever ways we can, so that others may come to know you and your gracious gift.**

*Silence for reflection*

#### **RECEIVING PEACE FROM GOD**

P: God knows our brokenness, and he knows our hearts, he knows deep down that we are his children, and we want to live that way. So he frees us from the guilt of our sin by assuring us of his forgiveness. In God's name and by his command, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

#### SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 66                      Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love.

**Chorus:**

Great is the Lord, And worthy of glory, Great is the Lord, And worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust In His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love

**Chorus**

Great are you Lord, And worthy of glory Great are you Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us Pray.....Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### Old Testament: Genesis 3:8-15

*The fallout from Adam and Eve's sin in the garden*

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

cursed are you above all livestock

and above all beasts of the field;

on your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head,

and you shall bruise his heel."

### Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

*We live by faith and not by sight*

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

*All sins are forgiven except one: Blaspheming the Holy Spirit*

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

SERMON

The Sheriff is in Town

## CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
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 universal Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer**

## OFFERING

(We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

## OFFERTORY

## THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

**"Green Book" 221 Sent Forth By God's Blessings**

Sent forth by God's Blessing, Our true faith confessing,

The people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended, Oh, now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,  
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

**"Green Book" 333      Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day,  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**This Little Gospel Light Of Mine**

1. This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.....  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
2. Don't you dare to blow it out.....  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
3. Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine.....  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
4. All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.....  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
5. It will point the way to heaven, I'm gonna let it shine.....  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**