

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THEME: God's timing is always best.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

OPENING WORDS TO SET OUR THEME

P: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

C: And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

C: And you have healed me.

P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

C: And give thanks to his holy name.

P: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

C: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever! Psalm 30

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: We lose patience with God. God's Word says that His mercies never end, yet we think that they do. God's Word assures us that God has good plans for each one of us, yet we think very little good can come from our circumstances. Today we take time to confess our shortcomings.....especially the moments that we fail to trust God.

SONG OF CONFESSION "Red Book" 195 (Twice through)

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CONFESSION

P: We confess,

C: Lord, God of our tomorrows, we confess our sinful condition before You. We desire something better than what we have and what we are. We know ourselves too well and see our human frailty. We know that our temporary gods are vulnerable and will crumble under the test. We realize that our desires are fickle and backfire on us at the worst times. God of our tomorrows, give us Your forgiveness. Let us see today the promise of something better in our lives.

P: Our God is a tomorrow God, who knows our past and knows where we are headed. We trust a God who knows our needs and desires each of us come daily in prayer. As we confess our sins, God is faithful and will forgive our sin and make us clean from all unrighteousness. God always promises us something better because of the miracle of forgiveness and love. I announce this forgiveness, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.....O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.

Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22-33

It is good for a person to wait quietly upon the Lord

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;

let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;

let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not
cast off forever,

but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

for he does not afflict from his heart
or grieve the children of men.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

Paul challenges the Corinthian church to live generously

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and an unnamed woman

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: 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 was 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 Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

"God's Timing"

HYMN "Red Book" 98

In His Time

In His time, in His time,
He makes all things beautiful in His time.
Lord, please show me ev'ry day
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say in Your time.

In His time, in His time
He will answer every prayer, in His time
Never by your own design
but unto His will align
Til' like gold your life's refined, in His time.

In His Time, in His Time
When you turn to Him in prayer, in His time.
And you seek His will in all.
And you listen for His call
he'll make sure you do not fall, in His time.

In Your time, in Your time,
You make all things beautiful in your time.
Lord, my life to You I bring;
May each song I have to sing.
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

C: Amen

LORD’S PRAYER

GIDEON’S REPORT

CLOSING HYMN “Green Book” 507 How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Through out all their life time my people shall prove
My sovereign eternal , unchangeable love;
Amd then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be home.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and.....+ give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC