

*Sunday, June 21, 2020*

## *Third Sunday After Pentecost*



### *Order of Service*

**Gathering Song**..... **“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”** (*Hymnal, #334*)

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet holy Spirt, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

**Greeting/Call to Worship**..... **Sister Cynthia**

Leader: God of our fathers and creator of us all,

**People: Today we treasure our Christian fathers who have endeavored to be models of faith.**

Leader: As the father of Jesus, you, God are the model of perfect love and nurture.

**People: We will ever look to you for guidance and direction.**

Leader: We remember the weathered hands and gentle spirits of our own fathers.

**People: In the name of the fathers who have loved and raised us, we give you thanks.**

Leader: Strengthen the minds, bodies, and spirits of all fathers this day.

**ALL: Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to you till death!**

**Hymn of Praise** ..... **“Something About the Name Jesus”**  
(*Kirk Franklin and The Rance Allen Group*)

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance** (*Unison*)

Eternal God, our Father we give you the praise and honor for your goodness and mercy. We are not always obedient children who have erred by omission and also commission. But we know you as a compassionate loving and forgiving Father, so we come seeking your forgiveness for our sinful ways. We come, O God, with great expectation and hope. Keep the fire of your presence in our souls that we may watch and wait until we feel your Holy presence. Thank you for sending Jesus and the Holy Spirit to be our guide and comforter. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Recite*)

**The Invocation**

**Song of Meditation — “How Great Is Our God”** (*Fred Hammond, Kim Burrell, Donnie McClurkin, Kirk Franklin, Jonathan Nelson, and Andrea Mellini*)

**The Prayer of Illumination** (*Unison*)

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today – the voice of truth and grace. **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading #1** ..... **Master Eli**  
(*1 Corinthians 3:16, 19–20, New International Version*)

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

<sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness”; <sup>20</sup> and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.”

**Scripture Reading #2** ..... **Master Isaiah**  
(*Matthew 7:9–11, New International Version*)

<sup>9</sup> “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Scripture Reading #3** ..... **Master Jaden**  
(*Ephesians 6:11–18, New International Version*)

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**The Affirmation of Faith — “The Apostles’ Creed”** (*recite in unison*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried:

the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

**The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father”** (*Recite in unison*)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

**Children / Youth Moment** ..... **Sister Jaime**

**Hymn of Preparation — “My Father Was”** (*Fred Hammond*)

**Father’s Day Message** ..... **Brother Wayne Coffen**

***“The Love and Challenges of Being A Father”***

**Invitation / Altar Call** ..... **Rev. Eugene Matthews**

**Selection — “A Change is Gonna Come”** (*Sam Cooke*)

**Praise and Prayer Concerns**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

## *Announcements*

**As the Re-entering Task Force works diligently, the church will remain closed.**

**130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts** — I'm sure you have seen the email about the purchasing of our commemorative shirts. **Sizes:** Small to XL = \$15; 2X = \$17; 3X = \$19. **If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact Millicent at the church email.**



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**Annual Conference** will be held on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. (place has not been designated).

**General Conference** — **August 31, 2021–September 10, 2021**

**Jurisdictional Conference** — TBA



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**Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List:** If you hear of anyone that is in need of special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Eugene Matthews (443.257.2730 (cell), 410.379.0600 (home), [reveugene@comcast.net](mailto:reveugene@comcast.net))

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