

*Sunday, July 19, 2020*

# *Seventh 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 Spirit, 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: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord.**

Leader: The earth is wonderfully made.

**People: The sea, the plants, animal life and all good things.**

Leader: Let our praise and meditation please God.

**People: Renew our spirits and hearts with Christ!**

**ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul Praise the Lord!**

**Hymn of Praise** ..... **“So Glad I’m Here”**  
*(sing along with instrumental)*

1 So glad I'm here in Jesus' name;  
So glad I'm here in Jesus' name!  
I don't know what you've come to do,  
I don't know what you've come to do,  
I've come to praise His name,  
I've come to praise His name!

2 Pray while I'm here in Jesus' name;  
Pray while I'm here in Jesus' name!  
I don't know what you've come to do,  
I don't know what you've come to do,  
I've come to praise His name,  
I've come to praise His name!

3 Sing while I'm here in Jesus' name;  
Sing while I'm here in Jesus' name!  
I don't know what you've come to do,  
I don't know what you've come to do,  
I've come to praise His name,  
I've come to praise His name!

4 Shout while I'm here in Jesus' name;  
Shout while I'm here in Jesus' name!  
I don't know what you've come to do,  
I don't know what you've come to do,  
I've come to praise His name,  
I've come to praise His name!

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

O Lord, how great is your love and mercy toward us. You want nothing less for us than true happiness that is founded upon a right relationship with you, we know what happens when we neglect the blessing of a forgiveness already made possible by the costly sacrifice of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. O Lord, as your rebuke leads to confession, and your forgiveness to joy we give thanks and praise to you. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** (*Recite in unison*)

### **The Invocation**

**Song of Meditation — Surely the Presence of the Lord** (*song by: Tanica Campbell*) request  
by Pastor Matthews

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

Lord we thank you for each opportunity to gather in your name. May the words from the scripture this day and the proclamation of your Word be pleasing in your sight. We rejoice today that you have met us here. **Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading #1**

(*Genesis 28:10–19a, Common English Bible*)

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. <sup>11</sup> He reached a certain place and spent the night there. When the sun had set, he took one of the stones at that place and put it near his head. Then he lay down there. <sup>12</sup> He dreamed and saw a raised staircase, its foundation on earth and its top touching the sky, and God's messengers were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> Suddenly the LORD was standing on it and saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will become like the dust of the earth; you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. Every family of earth will be blessed because of you and your descendants. <sup>15</sup> I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup> When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The LORD is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it. <sup>17</sup> He was terrified and thought, This sacred place is awesome. It's none other than God's house and the entrance to heaven. <sup>18</sup> After Jacob got up early in the morning, he took the stone that he had put near his head, set it up as a sacred pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He named that sacred place Bethel, though Luz was the city's original name.

## **Scripture Reading #2**

(*Romans 8:12–25, Common English Bible*)

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. <sup>13</sup> If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. <sup>15</sup> You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

## **Our Suffering and Our Hope**

<sup>18</sup> I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup> Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. <sup>23</sup> And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. <sup>24</sup> We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

### **Scripture Reading #3**

*(Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43, Common English Bible)*

#### **Parable of the Weeds**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

<sup>27</sup> “The servants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?’

<sup>28</sup> “‘An enemy has done this,’ he answered.

“The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather them?’

<sup>29</sup> “But the landowner said, ‘No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I'll say to the harvesters, “First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.”’”

#### **Explanation of the Parable of the Weeds**

<sup>36</sup> Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “The one who plants the good seed is the Human One. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. <sup>39</sup> The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. <sup>41</sup> The Human One will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. <sup>42</sup> He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have ears should hear.”

#### **Doxology – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”** *(recite in unison)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

**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 — “I Feel Jesus in This Place”** *(Instrumental by Uriel Vega)*

I feel Jesus, I feel Jesus, I feel Jesus in this place  
Yes, my soul does burn within me, I feel Jesus in this place.

**Inspirational Message** ..... **Rev. Eugene Matthews**

***“God Is in This Place”***

**Praise and Prayer Concerns**

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

**Selection — “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”** — *sing along with Overcoming by Faith  
Worship Team)*

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

# *Announcements*

**Re-entering Task Force working diligently, but the church will remain closed.** Please don't forget to send your comments / suggestions on what you think the re-entry should be like.

## **Virtual Women's Conference**

**Are you ready for the 2020 Desperate for Jesus Women's Conference (DFJ)?** Join us Friday, July 24 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. **(this is Central Time, so Eastern Time is an hour earlier)** for a spirit-filled, soul-shaking conference from the comfort of your home.

That's right. *DFJ2020* will be a powerful *VIRTUAL* experience filled with praise, worship, teaching and FUN with opportunities to win some incredible prizes.

**And it's a FREE conference! But you must [register](#) to participate.**

With Chrystal Evans Hurst as our conference host and Priscilla Shirer as the conference emcee, you are in for an incredible time with the Lord and your sisters in Christ. This year's conference also features two amazing speakers and women of God, Jackie Hill Perry and Katherine Wolf along with the soulful sounds of musical guest, Jekalyn Carr.

Let us help you become *ROOTED: Cultivating a Purposeful Life* at this year's women's conference. [Register today](#) to join thousands of women around the globe for a spectacular time as we experience God together.

**Saturday, September 12, 2020** — The **236<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held online. This move to a virtual Annual Conference is made necessary by the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing as the church seeks to privilege life, especially among its vulnerable members. A practice run for voting members will be held prior to the September conference.

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

**Jurisdictional Conference — TBA**

**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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**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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