

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

July 4, 2021

PRELUDE “Blessed Are Ye, Faithful Souls” Brahms

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

His grace is sufficient for us.

Let us enter into God’s new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength,

but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” No. 564

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, God’s grace and mercy are never ending. Your sins are forgiven; May God's peace be with you. **And also with you.**

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

Jesus calls us to travel light as we serve the world, for God is our strength and provision. Let us faithfully bring our offerings to God.

The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, cazpres.org.

* DOXOLOGY No. 592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Most holy God, who hears our prayers and answers them and gives us more than we can ask or imagine, accept these offerings and use them to your glory, that even now we might imitate your coming reign of justice, peace, and love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN “There Is a Balm in Gilead” No. 394

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit; when we become stubborn and unbelieving, open hearts to receive your Word, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ’s love. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Pew Bible p. 174 *NT*

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep^a me from being too elated, a

thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power^a is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

Pew Bible p. 38 *NT*

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^a and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense^b at him.⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place."¹¹ If

any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

SERMON

"Traveling Light"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 to the dead. 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

May the Lord be with you / **and also with you**

Lift up your hearts / **we lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks and praise / **it is right to give our thanks and praise**

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

* **HYMN**

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

No. 561

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Stars and Stripes Forever"

Sousa

Michael and Vincent Guarneiri, Piano Duet

Heyde & Tedesco

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Join us after service for coffee and fellowship in the side yard outside the Meeting House.

IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Liturgist: Craig Buckhout
Usher: Sara Mitchell
July Flowers: Kathy Knoff
Coffee Hour: Roseanne Courtade
Deacon Preparing Communion: Glenda Pugh

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