

July 4th, 2021
10:00 A.M.



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PRELUDE - "When Amidst the Storm I'm Shaken" by Allie Lapointe

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN – *Worship & Rejoice #2* "O Worship the King"

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 119

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

People: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: His love endures forever!

CALL TO CONFESSION

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious. Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, in Christ you became sin for us. You took what we are so that we might become what you are. But we confess that often we ignore our sin. We confess that, too often, we do not confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity. You are our stronghold, our hiding place. May we confess our sins that we might then rejoice and be glad in you and in the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Jesus name, amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*from Ephesians 2*)

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together in Christ. By his surpassing grace we have been saved!

Thanks be to God!

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Let us remember the peace we have in Christ.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” *W&R #405*

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” *W&R #486*

WE HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 6:1-13

SERMON:

“Independence Day”

Pastor Ben

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND SPIRIT

COMMUNION

ALL WHO TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR AND HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN THIS OR ANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION. WE WILL PARTAKE TOGETHER AFTER EVERYONE HAS COME FORWARD AND RETURNED TO THEIR SEATS WITH THE ELEMENTS (BACK ROWS FIRST, ONE LINE). INFORM THE SERVERS IF THERE IS A PERSON WHO WISHES COMMUNION BUT CANNOT WALK FORWARD. THE CUP IS ALCOHOL-FREE, AND GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE--JUST ASK THE SERVER. WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE BAPTIZED CHILDREN TO RECEIVE COMMUNION AS PARENTS DISCERN READINESS.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus said, “Take this bread, it is my body given for you.”

People: **If we proclaim the death of Jesus, we shall be raised with him to live forever.**

Celebrant: But with this bread, we must be broken; and with this cup our lives must be poured out.

People: **If we proclaim the rising of Jesus, we must die with Him to live forever.**

Celebrant: Christ has died.

People: **Christ has risen.**

Celebrant: Christ will come again.

People: **Dying, He destroyed our dying.**

Celebrant: Rising, He brings new life again!

People: **Come Lord Jesus, come again!**

PRAYERS AT THE TABLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE - *Worship & Rejoice #366*

“And Can it Be”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

* *SONG OF DEDICATION - Worship & Rejoice #34*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” *W&R #464 (vss 1,3,5)*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION



Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Ben Black

Musicians: Helen Means, Deanna Montgomery, Doug Lauffenburger

Christian Formation & Mission Coordinator: Rong (Lorraine) Li



JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Kathryn Hansen and the family.
- Yan & Lorraine's Visa status.
- Pray for the end of civil war in Cameroon
- Those battling cancer.
- Racism and violence in our country.
- The coronavirus outbreaks worldwide, those grieving and sick
- Those battling terminal illness

INCOME UPDATE FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

	GFM	Target	Surplus/(Deficit)	% of Budget
May	\$23,812	\$20,955	\$2,857	114%
FYTD	\$249,170	\$230,510	\$18,660	108%

The remaining mortgage balance is \$220,906
Capital campaign fund balance: \$10,612

MARK 6:1-13

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?"³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.⁴ Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home."⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.⁸ These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff-- no bread, no bag, no money in your belts.⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay

there until you leave that town.¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."¹² They went out and preached that people should repent.¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.