

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**June 20, 2021  
at 10:30 a.m.**

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.** \*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## COME

Voluntary on the hymn tune *Hankey*

“I Love to Tell the Story”

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

\*Call to Worship

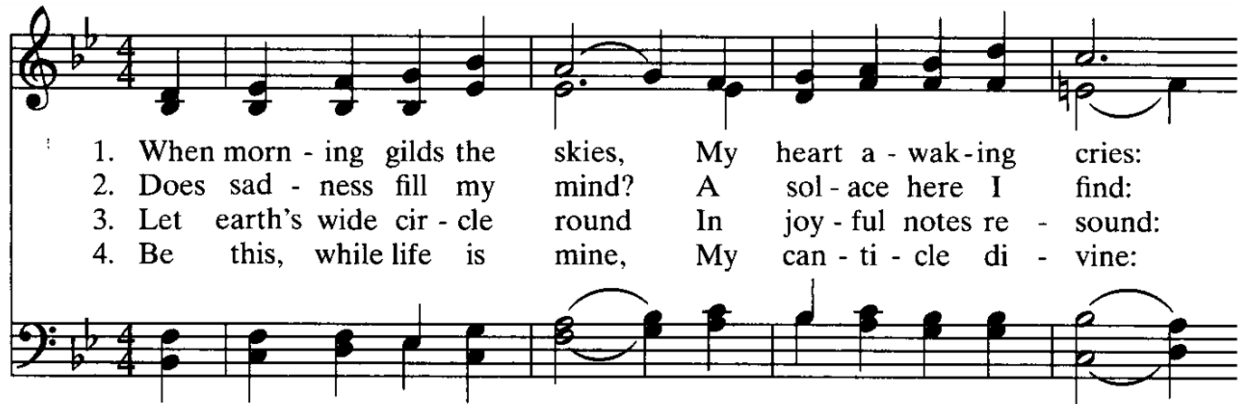
Jim Shriner

God alone laid the foundations of the earth.

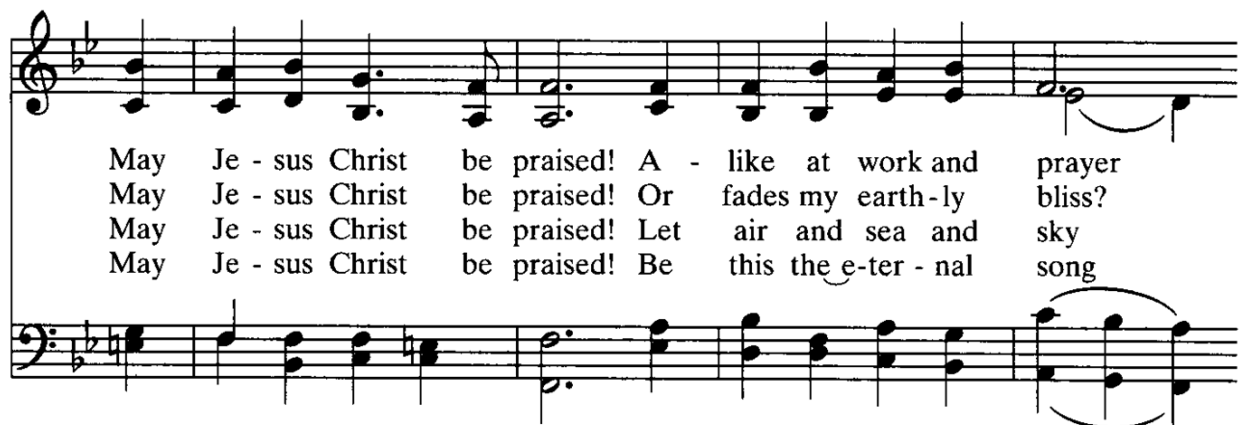
**The morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings  
shouted for joy.**

From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.

**We have seen the deeds of the Lord, who commands and raises the  
stormy wind and also makes the storm be still. We ourselves have  
seen the wondrous deeds of the Lord!**



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:  
2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:  
3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:  
4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

## ENCOUNTER

### Call to Confession

Do not accept the grace of God in vain, for God has said: At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you. Let us confess our sins before God, who will listen and help us in our weakness.

## Prayer of Confession

**Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ offers peace to our troubled souls. Believe this One whom even the wind and the sea obey. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*Response 567

Glory Be to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,  
**The peace of Christ be with you.**

*During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.*

## Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

We are invited, even urged, to open our hearts wide and to place no boundaries on our affection for God's people. Let us then share generously our provisions with others.

Offertory

I Walked today where Jesus Walked

Geoffrey O'Hare

*Zachary Troyer, soloist*

*I walked today where Jesus walked, In days of long ago;  
I wandered down each path He knew, With rev'rent step and slow  
Those little lanes, they have not changed -  
A sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked,  
And felt His presence there.*

*The pathway let to Bethlehem, Ah, mem'ries ever sweet;  
The little hills of Galilee, that knew those childish feet;  
The Mount of Olives hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before;  
I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore.*

*I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed;  
The garden of Gethsemane my heart felt unafraid!  
I picked my burden up, and with Him by my side,  
I climbed the Hill of Calvary, Where on the Cross He died.  
I walked today where Jesus walked and felt Him close to me!*

\*Response 592      Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow      *Doxology*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures  
here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples

*Following the Time with Young Disciples, young children and early tweens are invited to the church playground for age-appropriate activities (rain location: the nursery/pre-school rooms). As always, all children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary if they, or their parents, prefer.*

## GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, we know that our own words lack knowledge whenever we try to speak of you or to you. Yet we are drawn into your presence and desire to understand all your mysteries. So now, by the gift of your Holy Spirit, speak your words and we will listen carefully, responding in awe and gratitude. Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalms 9:1-3, 9-11

Old Testament

1 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
2 I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.  
3 When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before you.

9 The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.  
10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.

The Second Lesson

Mark 4:35-41

New Testament

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Calm *after* the Storm

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 46

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

## Prayers of the People

God of power and might, we come before you trembling with awe for all that you have done, are doing, and will do in the grand sweep of time, in the vast swath of creation. Wield your power, we pray, against all forces of nature that threaten people, homes, and land with danger and destruction. Strengthen us for the work of rebuilding wherever devastation has visited your people through the work of nature's rhythms. Speak words of comfort and hope to those who have lost much, or everything, and must begin again. We trust that your will for all people is life and health and peace.

Wield your power, we pray, against the forces of destruction we have devised and are too quick to use against one another. Dismantle in us the desire for war. Open our hands to embrace each other. Give new tunes for that ancient poetry until we all sing of beating our swords into plowshares, our spears into pruning hooks. Bring the day, please God, when there will be no more war of nation against nation.

Wield your power, too, against the forces of illness and pain that overtake our bodies, our minds, our spirits. Empower us to fight against our addictions. Help our bodies and minds overcome the diseases that threaten our well-being. Ease suffering, bring relief and rest to the weary and comfort to the dying. Wield your power over death, our last enemy. Give us courage and hope to trust in your gift of resurrection and new life, the harbor we were hoping for.

For the miracles of creation, the miracles of birth, love shared, a chance to begin again, reconciliation, and the miracle of faith, we give you our thanks and praise. We are humbled that you love us and draw near to us, God of power and might. In the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

We pray silently...

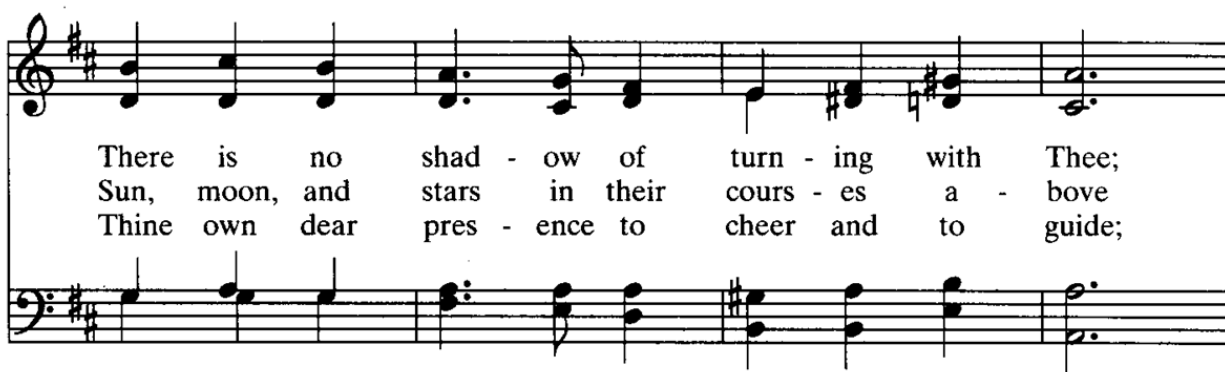
And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ taught us, as printed in our bulletins and saying in one voice:

The Lord's Prayer

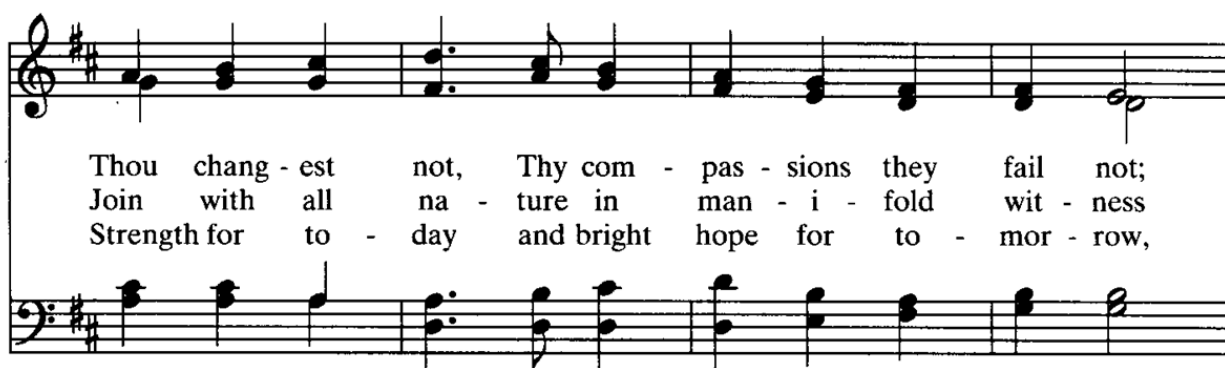
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and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



1. \*Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

*\*Charge and Benediction*

In every circumstance,  
trust in God,  
who has great power  
to save and keep us.

May the power of God uphold you,  
the peace of Christ rest upon you,  
and the Holy Spirit defend you,  
now and always.

Voluntary

Based on the tune *Hiding Place*

arr. Dale Wood

*Funding for today's soloist was provided by the Seiberling Music Endowment fund.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given by Ginny and Bill Melver in memory of their fathers, Robert Peach Tutt and Robert Lee Melver.

**The Flowers on the Pedestal** are given by Gordon and Virginia Wepfer in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 16.

**The white rose in the Chancel** last week was in memory of Barb Davis who entered eternal life on June 11 at the age of 93.

## Monthly Financial Report

May 2021	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$22,378.34	\$36,835.16	\$274,233.56	\$217,600.80
Total Expenses	\$36,354.76	\$44,855.81	\$188,545.86	\$240,130.90
Net	(\$13,976.42)	(\$8,020.65)	\$85,687.70	(\$22,530.10)

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending May 31, 2021.

***Food Distribution & the Free Hot Meal Dinner today.***

## CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of June 20- 26, 2021

### **Sunday, 6/20**

10:30 am Worship Service  
in Sanctuary & on  
YouTube Livestream  
1:00 pm Food Distribution  
5:00 pm Third Sunday Free  
Dinner

### **Monday, 6/21**

1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

### **Tuesday, 6/22**

7:00 pm Session Zoom Meeting

### **Thursday, 6/24**

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting

**Giving Online** During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.





The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Staff schedule in the office: **Monday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley, Debby Evrard and Dave Bodnar. **Tuesday** - Pastor Jon, Debby Evrard, and Dave Bodnar. **Wednesday** - Debby Evrard, Claudine Schooley, and Dave Bodnar. **Thursday** - Claudine Schooley, Debby Evrard, and Dave Bodnar. **Friday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley.



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