

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**June 6, 2021  
at 10:30 a.m.**

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.  
**Bolded text is read or sung by all.** \*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## COME

Voluntary

Duet: Prelude in Classic Style  
*Bob Carlyon, organ*

Gordon Young  
*Valerie Thorson, piano*

\*Call to Worship

Marcia Holcomb

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.  
**On the day God called, you answered me.**  
God's steadfast love endures forever.  
**Thanks be to God!**



## Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: 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.**

## Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Let us continue to worship the Lord through our gifts of talents, tithes, and ourselves.

Offertory                                      The Lamb    Nancy Daley  
*Ben Hayes, soloist*

*Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, wooly, bright; Gave thee such a tender voice Making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb; He is meek and he is mild, He became a little child: I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.*

*Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!*

\*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

# GROW

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

- 1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
- 3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

- 4:13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak,  
14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.  
15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.  
16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.  
17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.
- 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

# SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

**As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world - which some seek to control, and others view with despair - we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever: Our world belongs to God! God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: His rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

Prayers of the People

Jesus says this is a house of prayer. God, who is in the midst of us, hears us even before we say a word. Thus God is waiting to hear from us and wants to work through our prayers.

O God, in whose mercy we find refuge and strength, we offer our petitions to you. Guide us by your Spirit that our prayers may serve your will.

Hear our prayers of adoration and thanksgiving...  
Come, come, O Holy Spirit,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers of longing for God's shalom...  
Come, come, O Holy Spirit,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for the needs of the community...  
Come, come, O Holy Spirit,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for interpersonal reconciliation...  
Come, come, O Holy Spirit,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for the world and for personal struggles with temptations...  
Come, come, O Holy Spirit,  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, who points us to the saving grace and the redeeming power in us. **Amen.**

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.**

\*Hymn 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand treble clef and a left-hand bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

\*Charge and Benediction

Our Lord Jesus says that whoever does the will of God is his kindred. So go now and serve others as Jesus did.

May the steadfast love of God give you hope,  
 the redeeming power of Christ give you courage,  
 the abiding presence of Spirit give you strength,  
 as you serve the will of God this day and every day.

Voluntary

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given by Polly Fisher and family in loving memory of Tom Fisher on his birthday.

**The white rose in the Chancel** today is in memory of Mr. Doug Grant who entered eternal life on May 29 at the age of 98.

**First Sunday Food Collection** is today; NO collection during the service but food can be dropped off at a table in WHH, before the service, where Tweens will be available to accept your donations. Today is the LAST food collection at the back door of the CE building from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Next month, if you are not attending the service, you will be able to place your donation during the hours that the church office is open, in the big wood box in the coatroom.

**Video System Upgrade** Session recently approved a video system upgrade to provide high quality live streaming of our worship services. We would like to extend our appreciation to the Sound Task Force, comprised of Shelley Koutnik, James Gray, Valerie Thorson, and Jon Hauerwas. We began livestreaming with the new system on May 22, and will be making minor adjustments to the system in the weeks to come. This project was made possible thanks to funding provided by the Bequest Fund and the generosity of the Roger H. Nelson family.

**Staff Farewell** there will be a farewell for Valerie Thorson today, after the worship service.

**VBS 2021/Volunteer Meeting** Susan Shellito will lead a meeting for VBS volunteers at 11:35 a.m. on Sunday, June 13, in the Tween room.

<b>CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of June 6 - 12, 2021</b>	
<b>Sunday, 6/6</b> 10:15 am First Sunday Food Collection in WHH 10:30 am Worship Service Resumes in-Person in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream 11:30 am Valerie Thorson's Farewell 1:00 pm First Sunday Food Collection at the Church Back Door	<b>Tuesday, 6/8</b> 6:00 pm Endowment Committee meeting via Zoom <b>Wednesday, 6 /9</b> 6:00 pm Outreach Committee Zoom Meeting <b>Thursday, 6/10</b> 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting <b>Friday, 6/11</b> 2:00 pm Membership Committee Meeting in the Library
<b>Monday, 6/7</b> 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	

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