

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

Teacher Recognition

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Our Lord and our God, in the giving of this offering we commit ourselves to you. So have your way with us. Saturate this congregation with the gospel of Christ. Inspire us with a Spirit of generosity and love. Send us into the world with the hope of Christ, and let your Church throughout the world sing your praises and witness to your salvation, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Hymn – Fairest Lord Jesus (Chalice #97)

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude – Go Forth in Triumph (Ritter)

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St. Mary's United Church of Christ

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4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021

Prelude – We Gather Together (Ritter)

Call to Worship (from Psalm 25)

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

No one who hopes in you, O God, will ever be put to shame.
Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways. The Lord guides the humble in what is right and teaches them the way.

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. 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!

Hymn – More About Jesus Would I Know (Chalice #348)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (from Rev. Beth Merrill Neel)

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps you see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and forming us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. **Our Creator and Savior, you have marked out our course, and called us to run with perseverance. With the promise of joy yet in front of us, lift our dropping hands and strengthen our weak knees. Discipline us in the works of prayer, charity, and faith, that we might know the beauty and power of the life of Christ in us. Amen.**

Readings

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:5-18

Psalm: 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all who are faithful

offer prayer to you;

**at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:4-16

Gospel: Matthew 7:24-29

Gloria Patri

*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, Amen!*

Sermon – God on the Bench Press

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary,

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

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

More About Jesus Would I Know (Chalice #348)

More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show;
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.
More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn, more of his holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me.
More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

More about Jesus; in his word, holding communion with my Lord;
hearing his voice in every line, making each faithful saying mine..
More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

More about Jesus on this throne, riches in glory all his own;
more of his kingdom's sure increase; more of his coming, Prince of
Peace.
More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

Fairest Lord Jesus (Chalice #97)

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down; thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry hosts: Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

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Collect for the Week of June 20

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