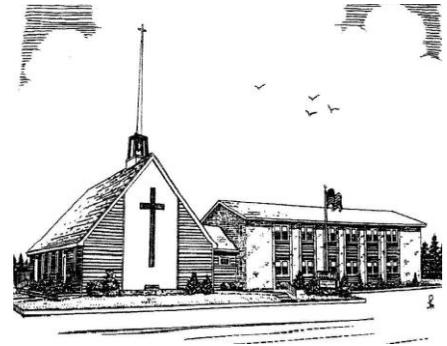


Dear friends in Christ,

Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.  
I hope you have been able to enjoy the sun and Summer weather!



Over the past few days, I hope that all of you received and read the letter by email or regular mail from Council President, Randy Thumhart, myself, and the Church Council about in-person worship in church. This Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM we will have a worship service understood as "soft opening" intended primarily for members. We will then resume in-person worship officially on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The letter explains what to expect at the brief Service of the Word with social distancing practices. We will continue to send the services electronically for all who choose to worship in that way.

Please continue to keep in your prayers all those with COVID 19, all medical personnel, and all essential workers on the front lines. In addition, please continue to pray for constructive dialogue, understanding, and safety for all in our nation. Further, remember in your prayers the family of Ruth Brightbill who entered the Church Triumphant this past week.

The service follows below with links for music and the sermon within the service. May God bless you and your loved ones with faith, compassion, and understanding, well-being.

Pastor John

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday June 28, 2020

Welcome & Announcements  
Prelude

**Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,  
Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Hymn** *All Are Welcome*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlnVLP0qFEo>

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Word**

**Readings**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great

kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

### **Sermon**

<https://youtu.be/1YAyOpFAZ8Q>

### **Hymn**

[https://www.google.com/search?ei=QBTyXuGjJKKFytMP8q6TkA8&q=jesus+loves+me+early+childhood+song&oq=Jesus+loves+me+early+&gs\\_lcp=CgZwcz3ktYWIQARgAMgIIADoOCAAQ6gIQtAIQmgEQ5QI6BQgAEJECogQIABBDOgUIABCDAToFCAAQsQM6BwgAEIMBEEM6BggAEBYQHICThDIYssU5YPjXOWgBcAB4AIA BVYgBpwqSAQIyMZgBAKABAaoBB2d3cy13aXqwAQY&scient=psy-ab](https://www.google.com/search?ei=QBTyXuGjJKKFytMP8q6TkA8&q=jesus+loves+me+early+childhood+song&oq=Jesus+loves+me+early+&gs_lcp=CgZwcz3ktYWIQARgAMgIIADoOCAAQ6gIQtAIQmgEQ5QI6BQgAEJECogQIABBDOgUIABCDAToFCAAQsQM6BwgAEIMBEEM6BggAEBYQHICThDIYssU5YPjXOWgBcAB4AIA BVYgBpwqSAQIyMZgBAKABAaoBB2d3cy13aXqwAQY&scient=psy-ab)

### **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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, those with COVID 19, all who recuperate, the lonely, or abandoned (*especially those on our parish prayer list*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died (*especially Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon*). Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Sending**

#### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

## **Hymn** *Here I Am, Lord*

"Here I am, Lord" was written in 1981 by Dan Schutte, and is a popular hymn found in more than 55 hymnals. Using scripture as the basis for his lyrics, Schutte crafted verses that speak to the transformation made possible by God's bringing darkness into light (1<sup>st</sup> stanza), melting "hearts of stone" with love (2<sup>nd</sup> stanza), and nourishing the "poor and lame" with the "feast of finest bread" (3<sup>rd</sup> stanza). Speaking of the willingness to respond to Christ's resurrection, the hymn's poignant refrain points to Isaiah 6:8,

***"Then I heard the voice of the Lord  
saying 'Whom shall I send,  
and who will go for us?' And I said,  
'Here am I; send me.'"***

through which God's people might go forward to share the Good News!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZK-5v9gMTI>

## **Dismissal**

Go in Peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

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Candy

Dick

John Jr.

Bobby

Dennis

Pat

Tim

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