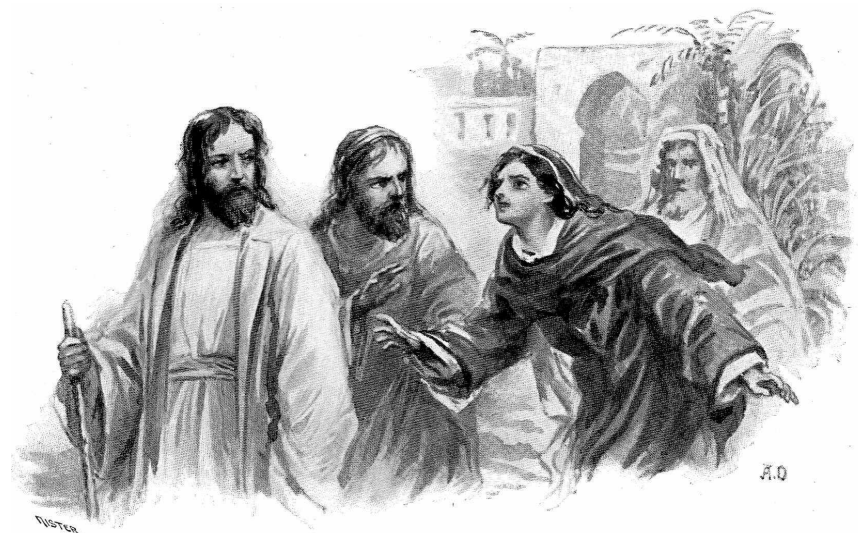


2020

“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with
confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace
to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**
(Wave to each other)

HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy LBW #290

Verse 1

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty.**
**There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

Verse 2

**There is welcome for the sinner,
And a promised grace made good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.**
**There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

Verse 3

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the head.**

Verse 4

**'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
It is something more than all:
Greater good because of evil,
Larger mercy through the fall.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at His Word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty Lord,

All: **In confidence of Your goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near to You, as a sick person to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in You is everything I can or should desire. You are my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Bring joy, therefore, to the soul of Your servant; for to You, O Lord, have I lifted my soul. Amen.**

*Thomas a Kempis, mediaeval priest, author of *The Imitation of Christ* (15th Century)*

LESSONS

**Isaiah 56:1, 6 - 8
Romans 11-2a, 13 - 15, 28 - 32**

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21 - 28

Crumbs from the Master's Table

SONG O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come LBW #360

Verse 1

O Christ, the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
When reached by love that never ends?

Verse 2

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.

Verse 3

In conflicts that destroy our health
We recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ for these?

Verse 4

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In Your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach and prosper humankind.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

All: **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.**

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies **LBW #546**

Verse 1

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries;
May Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 2

When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs;
May Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
Has none that can compare
With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

Verse 3

To Him, my highest and best,
I sing, when love possessed:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
What-e'er my hands begin,
this blessing shall break in:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 4

No lovelier antiphon
In all high heav'n is known
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the e-ter-nal Word
The eternal psalm is heard:
Oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 5

Let all of humankind
In this their concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

NEXT SUNDAY August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 11:33—12:8

Matthew 16:13-20

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