

2020

“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FOURTEENTH 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 and/or Honk to each other)*

SONG They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians By our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians By our love.

Verse 2

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land.

Chorus

Verse 3

We will work with each other, We will work side by side.
We will work with each other, We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity And save each man's pride.

Chorus

Verse 4

All praise to the Father, From whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to The Spirit, who makes us one.

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 and Eternal God,

All: We are poor sinners and stand under Your righteous judgment. With all our hearts we thank You for taking all our guilt from us and laying it on Your dear Son Christ Jesus. Graciously sustain us in faith and govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may live according to Your will, in neighborly love, service and helpfulness, and not give way to wrath or revenge, that we may not incur Your wrath but always find in You a gracious Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Viet Dietrich was a student of Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon and later was their colleague as a Lutheran theologian during the Reformation.

LESSONS

Ezekiel 33:7 - 9
Romans 13:8 - 10

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1 - 9

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

A Debt of Love

HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

LBW #500

Verse 1

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
When-e'er we hear that glorious word.

Faith of our fathers, Holy faith,
We will be true to Thee till death.

Verse 2

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate
If they, like them should die for thee.

Faith of our fathers, Holy faith,
We will be true to Thee till death.

Verse 3

Faith of our fathers! We will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim Thee, too, as love knows how,
By saving Word and faithful life.
Faith of our fathers! Holy faith!
We will be true to Thee till death!

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

LBW #501

He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!

Verse 1

He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort frought!
What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Chorus

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful fol - I'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Verse 2

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Chorus

Verse 3

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Chorus

Verse 4

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vic-t'ry's won.
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

NEXT SUNDAY September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

***Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:1-12 Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35***

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