

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**July 12, 2020**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRELUDE:** From "Sonata in d minor" – Christian Ritter

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**CONFESSION:**

**C. Almighty God, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have sinned by what I have done and what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart.**

**I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive me. Renew me. Lead me. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us all and was raised from the dead, that first Easter. Amen.**

P. It is always my honor and privilege to announce that God has freely forgiven you and me. We stand here, trusting, by God's grace alone. We stand here as free men and women, boys and girls. May the wind of Pentecost move our hearts and our hands.

**C. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
 Zion, let me enter there,  
 where my soul in joyful duty  
 waits for God who answers prayer.  
 Oh, how blessed is this place,  
 filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;  
 come thou also unto me;  
 where we find thee and adore thee,  
 there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
 let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
 here thy seed is duly sown;  
 let my soul, where it is planted,  
 bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
 so that all I hear may be  
 fruitful unto life in me.

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**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

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

C. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Lord God, we are grateful that you sow the seeds of your kingdom in abundance. Give us confidence as we sow those seeds in our world. Amen**

**BIBLE READINGS**

**SERMON: “Seeds Against Swords”**

**Pastor Larry Isbell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt. (Public Domain)

**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 dead,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")*

**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 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.**

**BENEDICTION:**

- P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
  
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

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**DISMISSAL:**

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: “March from the Occasional Oratorio” – G. F. Handel**

*(Please exit row by row, beginning with the back.  
Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)*

**Today’s altar flowers are given by Dave & Diane Parsons in honor of Ben’s 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.**