

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 18, 2017

2nd Sunday after Pentecost / 11th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 6

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Raymond

PRELUDE

“Ave Verum”

Organ

Franz Josef Haydn

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Dick Raymond

Worship the Lord with gladness!

We come into God’s presence with singing.

For the Lord our God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever

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*SONGS OF WORSHIP:

“HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US”

(VERSE 1)

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son,
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.

(VERSE 2)

Behold the Man upon the cross,
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life,

I know that it is finished.

(VERSE 3)

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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“HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL”

(Hymn #87)

His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful,
his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;
he is the mighty King, Master of everything,
his name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He’s the great shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is he;
bow down before him, love and adore him,
his name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

TIME OF PRAYER

Carole Stuart

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Call to Confession

Through our Lord Jesus Christ
we have obtained access
to the grace in which we stand.
With confidence in God’s grace,
let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, without your grace
we are like sheep without a shepherd
Sometimes we are harassed by sin
and feel helpless against its power.
Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power
to harass the helpless.**

**We are wolves in sheep's clothing,
innocent as serpents and wise as doves.
Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home.
Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray;
through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news of God's love:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Since we are justified by faith
we have peace with God
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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ANTHEM

"Kyrie"
John Leavitt

Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

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Invitation to the Offering

Jesus said: The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few.

Therefore we ask the Lord to send us out
as laborers for the harvest.

Let us offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Good and holy God,
for your steadfast love and faithfulness
we give you thanks and bless your name.
Let our whole lives become songs
of gratitude, joy, and praise
so that all the earth may know
that we are your people
and you are our God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*You may bring your offering and light a candle at the front or back
of the sanctuary.*

The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

"A Galilean Landscape"

Organ

Roger C. Wilson

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Karen Colvin

Romans 5:1–8 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Matthew 9:35–10:8 (NIV)

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When

he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

10 ¹ Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

MESSAGE

Jamie Fiorino

“The Harvest Is Plentiful, But The Laborers Are Few”

Questions for reflection:

What does the description “like sheep without a shepherd” tell you about the people Jesus met? Who are shepherd-less today? Despite the significant role religion played in the lives of the people of Israel at this time, the people were feeling bereft of God – perhaps they knew what it should feel like to be in relationship with God, but did not experience it in their daily lives, including their daily religious practice. This can still be the way people experience the church. In what ways

does the religious practice of the church get in the way of people having a meaningful relationship with God?

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!”

(Hymn #670)

(VERSE 1)

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

(VERSE 2)

Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom’s task embrace;
redress sin’s cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

(VERSE 3)

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

(VERSE 4)

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit’s power,
rise up, O saints of God!

BENEDICTION

Jamie Fiorino

POSTLUDE

“Raise a Song of Praise”

Organ

Robert J. Hughes

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Our guest preacher for much of the summer is Jamie Fiorino. A native of Spokane and graduate of University of Idaho, she just finished her middle year at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey working towards her Master of Divinity. (Less than 350 days to graduation!) Jamie has been involved in church ministry for more than 20 years, most recently serving four years as the lay pastor at Bovill Presbyterian Church in Bovill, Idaho.