

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 25, 2017

3rd Sunday after Pentecost / 12th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 7

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

Dave Colvin

PRELUDE

“Serenity”

Bonita L. Liciotti

Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Dave Colvin

God cares for us completely
and calls for our total commitment.
Christ gave his life that we might live
and calls us to give our lives to him.
Through Christ we have died to sin;
in Christ we are fully alive to God.
Come, let us worship God.

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING”

(Hymn #108)

(VERSE 1)

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

(VERSE 2)

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he’ll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

(VERSE 3)

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

"AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)"

(VERSE 1)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

(CHORUS)

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood his mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

(VERSE 2)

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

(REPEAT CHORUS)

(VERSE 3)

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

(REPEAT CHORUS)

(VERSE 4)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Call to Confession

Sin destroys our lives.
Sin destroys our relationships.
Sin destroys our hope.
But through faith in the saving death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
our lives, our relationships, and our future
are no longer enslaved to sin.
Let us trust the love of God and confess our sin,
that we might receive grace and find true freedom.

Prayer of Confession

**God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac,
God of Hagar and Ishmael,
who gave us your Son,
Jesus Christ the crucified,
send your Holy Spirit to help us confess
and truly repent of our sins.
We turn against one another;
we fail to care for the weak and poor among us.
We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless;
we seek our own advantage.
Your Son emptied himself
upon a Roman cross
and revealed your eternal, self-giving love.
Forgive us, merciful God.
Wipe sin from our lives
and let us find ourselves
wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
It is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

God, who loves us,
does not abandon or forsake us.
Our Savior hears and answers

when we cry out from the wastelands of sin.
Death cannot bind us,
for the risen Christ sets us free.
Hear the good news:
in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

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SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

"REFINER'S FIRE"

(VERSE 1)

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

(CHORUS)

**Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will**

(VERSE 2)

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS **Cameo Thompson**

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Invitation to the Offering

Christ knows every breath we take:
each one is a gift from the Spirit.
God watches over, protects, and provides for us.
Let us present our offerings of thanksgiving
for the goodness of the triune God.

*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

Holy God,
who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation,
we thank you:
for the community of faith you have built,
for your servants who have held fast to you through
centuries,
for the teachings and the witness of our ancestors,
for the gospel's welcome to all in need,
for the healing that comes from your watchfulness.
Bless these gifts that all may be nurtured in truth.
In Jesus' name we pray. **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

"My Faith is Firmly Found"

Organ

J.S. Bach

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Bill Colvin

Matthew 10:24–39 (NIV)

²⁴ "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head

of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

MESSAGE

Jamie Fiorino

“I Have Not Come To Bring Peace, But A Sword”

Questions for reflection:

In Matthew 10:24–39, Jesus’ words “Have no fear” are repeated three times in five verses, yet Jesus describes circumstances that could be frightening to many people. Who might be troubled by these verses and who might be comforted by them? How could someone hear this passage as good news? as warning? as assurance? How do you think Jesus disrupts the peace of the world today?

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD”

(VERSE 1)

This is my Father’s world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

(VERSE 2)

This is my Father’s world.
O, let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world: The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

BENEDICTION

Jamie Fiorino

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on a Medieval Tune”

Organ

John Troutman

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Our guest preacher this week is Jamie Fiorino. Currently a student at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, Jamie is learning the fine art of defensive driving on the mean streets of Princeton. Driving in Spokane this summer has been a new challenge, as she is finding that most drivers adhere to both speed limits and traffic laws! (And despite numerous attempts, she will never be able to parallel park on the right.) 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, and will graduate with a Master's of Divinity in 327 days.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Genesis 21:18–21

Romans 6:1*b*–11

Psalm 86:1–10,16–17

Matthew 10:24–39