**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 12, 2020, 10:00 AM**

**Watchword of the Week:**

***There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.***

**Romans 8:1**

**Prelude** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Van Krause, trumpet

**Welcome and Announcements** Marshall Mathers

**Call to Worship** *In Your House, O Lord*Arr. Wingate

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer** Bill Shields

**Liturgy for Evangelism, p. 133** Kristen Hailey

Holy! Holy! Holy!

The Lord Almighty is holy!

**God's glory fills the world!**

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty! All your works shall praise your name

in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

God of creation, whose love invites all people to receive the blessing reserved for us since before time began,

**Grant ears of faith, that each one may clearly hear your gracious call.**

God of salvation, whose love encompasses all humanity, who assumed flesh and blood and died that all might live,

**Give eyes of faith, Lord Jesus, that everyone may plainly see you among us.**

God of inspiration, whose love initiates new ways of reaching out to all who risk believing,

**Guide our lives in faith, that we may willingly become your instruments of love and truth.**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All: All people of each time and place

Receive the promise of God's grace.

Choir: O praise God!

Congregation: Alleluia!

All: And all who have not heard God's voice,

We now invite you, "Come! Rejoice!"

Choir: O praise God!

Congregation: Alleluia!

Choir: O praise God!

Congregation: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

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With gratitude to the Lord we remember our rich heritage of committed servants, who carried the good news to their neighbors throughout the world, who followed Jesus' command: Go to all people and make them my disciples.

**We thank you, Eternal God, for those who have gone before us, faithful to the great commission. We praise you for imparting to us the same mission to reach others for Christ.**

With humility before the Lord, we confess our sin:

When we fail to communicate Jesus' promise of new life,

When we have not reached beyond ourselves with the word entrusted to us,

When we retreat into comfortable sanctuaries and do not seek to be a light to the nations,

When we become preoccupied with church involvement for its own sake,

and do not labor to proclaim salvation to the ends of the earth,

**Forgive us, we pray.**

When we fail to recognize that the measure of success is not only in the number of constituents, but also in the sincerity of conversion,

When we are too timid or afraid to speak the gospel message to those you want to hear it,

When we allow a life of ease to divert us from those who need your love through us,

**Forgive us, we pray.**

Touch our lips with the burning coals of your forgiveness,

**And purify our hearts.**

The Lord your Redeemer says: Now your guilt is gone and your sins are forgiven.

THE ASH GROVE

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living

the tasks of our everyday life we will face,

our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us

to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,

shall blossom in action for God and for all.

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Throughout the ages God's call to mission summons a response.

**We affirm our heartfelt yearning to reply.**

God asks: Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?

**And like Isaiah, the answer flows from our soul and forms on our lips, "I will go. Send me."**

God, our Redeemer, we share a longing to minister as partners, together with you and each other. Our desire is shaped by your will, our commitment molded by your covenant.

**We dedicate ourselves again this day. We accept the challenge joyfully to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.**

We covenant with you to be loving instruments of understanding and forgiveness among those to whom you send us.

**We promise anew to be living invitations for others to meet you as Lord and Savior.**

We press on with resolve so that your word may spread rapidly and you may be glorified everywhere. We must work the works of him who sends us while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

**We will go. Send us.**

FESTAL SONG

Good news is ours to tell! Let no one fail to hear!

God gives us life; God conquers death! There's nothing we must fear.

Proclaim the gracious word: God loves the whole wide earth,

to lift, to save, to reconcile, to grant essential worth!

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**Giving of Tithes and Offerings to the Lord**

**Prayer of Dedication** Marshall Mathers

**Anthem** *Hymn of Promise* Sleeth

**Reading of God’s Word** Linda Mathers

Isaiah 55:10-13

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Hymn 771** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:  
On Christ the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found  
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

**Sermon**  **New Life in the Spirit** Bill Shields

Romans 8:1-11

**Hymn 494** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the things you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with you I will one will, to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, my will to yours incline,  
until this selfish part of me glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

**Benediction** Bill Shields

**Postlude** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Arr. Lowe

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