**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 6, 2020, 10:00 AM**

 **Watchword of the Week:**

***Give me understanding, O God, that I may keep your law***

***and observe it with my whole heart.***

**Psalm 119:34**

**Prelude** *All Creatures of Our God and King*LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Van Krause, trumpet

**Welcome and Announcements** Marshall Mathers

**Call to Worship** *You Are the Christ*Martin

Lewis Phillips, soloist

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer** Mr. Mathers

**Liturgy of Grace, p. 31** Kristen Hailey

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

**Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.**

 TUNE: WAREHAM (22 H)

 Lord God of hosts! O may our praise

 Your courts with grateful incense fill;

 Still may we stand before your face,

 Still hear and do your sovereign will.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

God spoke these words, saying:

**You shall have no other gods besides me.**

**You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

**You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

 TUNE: SOUTHAMPTON (14 F)

 Lord God, with shame I now confess

 I've turned away from you;

 Forgive me all my sin today,

 My heart and soul renew.

 Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and sin, yet by no means clearing the unrepentant; incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies.

 (Silent confession)

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. Peace be with you.

 TUNE: PILGRIMAGE (166 A)

 The peace which God alone reveals

 And by his word of grace imparts,

 Which only the believer feels,

 Direct, and keep, and cheer our hearts!

 And may the holy Three-in-One,

 The Father, Word, and Comforter,

 Pour an abundant blessing down

 On every soul assembled here!

In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

**With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.**

**We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.**

**In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes. Amen.**

 TUNE: GLORIA PATRI

 Choir: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

 and to the Holy Spirit;

 All: As it was in the beginning,

 is now, and ever shall be,

 World without end. Amen, Amen, Amen.

 Choir: Lord, God, Father,

 All: **Hear us as we pray.**

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.**

 Choir: Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world,

 All: **Be gracious unto us.**

 Choir: Lord God, Holy Spirit,

 All: **Abide with us forever.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common intercession to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**Amen.**

 TUNE: REGENT SQUARE (585 D)

 Thanks we give and adoration

 For the gospel's joyful sound;

 May the fruits of your salvation

 In our hearts and lives abound;

 May your presence, may your presence,

 With us evermore be found. Amen.

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**Anthem** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Arr. Koerts

**Reading of God’s Word** Sandy Smith

 Jeremiah 15:15-21

 Psalm 26:1-8

 Matthew 16:21-28

**Sermon Marks of the True Christian** Jerry Hailey

Romans 12:9-21

**Hymn 673** *Christian Hearts, in Love United* CASSEL (167 A)

Christian hearts, in love united,
seek alone in Jesus rest;
has he not your love excited?
Then let love inspire each breast.
Members — on our Head depending,
light — reflecting him, our Sun,
brethren — his commands attending,
we in him, our Lord, are one.

Come then, come, O flock of Jesus,
covenant with him anew;
unto him, who conquered for us,
pledge we love and service true;
and should our love's union holy
firmly linked no more remain,
wait ye at his footstool lowly,
till he draw it close again.

Grant, Lord, that with thy direction
"Love each other" we comply.
aiming with unfeigned affection
thy love to exemplify;
let our mutual love be glowing,
thus the world will plainly see
that we, as on one stem growing,
living branches are in thee.

O that such may be our union
as thine with the Father is,
and not one of our communion
e'er forsake the path of bliss;
may our light break forth with brightness,
from thy light reflected shine;
thus the world will bear us witness
that we, Lord, are truly thine.

**Benediction** Mr. Hailey

**Postlude** *Be Still, My Soul* Arr. Doran

*The work of the church could not go on without your consistent, generous gifts through tithes and offerings. One of the greatest indications of our love for the Lord and His church is both our desire to give, as well as the action of giving. There is a box in the vestibule for you to place your tithes and offerings.*

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