



Third Sunday after Pentecost
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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Arr. Mark Hayes

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WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

God calls us to be partners in loving the world:

supporting each other in justice and righteousness,
broadening the scope of mercy,
investing ourselves in blessing others.

God calls us to be partners in loving the world,
so we come to tune our hearts to grace.

*HYMN No. 401

Gather Us In

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leslie Green

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of justice and mercy,
You hear cries of suffering and pleas for help, and you come to see.
We confess that we hear those pleas and often turn away,
assuming those crying have done something to deserve it,
or that it isn't our problem because they're not our people.
You count the good and share hope and blessing by association.
We confess that we count up the bad,
painting whole groups with the same brush of judgment and disdain.

**Forgive us for cynicism that locks us into arrogance.
Forgive us for failing to recognize your image in our enemies.
Forgive us for caring only for “us” while you insist there is no “them.”**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Holy God,
Stretch our mercy to align with yours,
and set us as a blessing to your world.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Friends, hear this good news:
God looks at us through the grace of Christ,
with mercy beyond our wildest imagination.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn 435 - v1
sung through one time*

**There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth’s failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:16-32

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 720

Jesus Calls Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*) Erin Tolar

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.
If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time,
on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM Christopher Cunningham and Griff Campbell

Aria

Eugene Bozza

Alphonse Leduc, 1936

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God,

**You have entrusted us with caring for your people,
and you have offered us time, talent, and treasure to do so.**

**In response we give you thanks,
and we offer our gifts back to you and to your people
in hopes that who we are and what we have
will be both helpful and worthy.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Go with God.

Alleluia! And Amen!

POSTLUDE

*Victory in Jesus
Traditional spiritual*

*Many thanks to Griff Campbell and Tom Shelton
who helped to live-stream the service today.*

Summer Sermon Series: "Disputing with God"

The series explores biblical texts in which people enter into dispute with God, whether to protest God's judgment, appeal to God's mercy, or accuse God of wrongdoing. What emerges is a complex dynamic between humans and God, who learn to dispute with one another while remaining deeply committed to their ongoing relationship.



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