

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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Zion Lutheran Church

Camas, Washington

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Prelude

"God of Our Fathers"

Patrick Murphy

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

inspired by Matthew 11:28-30

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,
come to me and I will give you rest.
Take the yoke I give you.
Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.
I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.
This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Christ calls us to come to worship
To rest from the things that are troubling us
To learn what Christ can teach of life
To realize what we can offer to others
And so to return into the world to serve
Let us worship God together.

Confession and Forgiveness

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not
in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we
may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of
your holy name. Amen.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for
his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister
of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to
you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the
Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for
yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we
may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* (Green) Number 566

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land
where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry
mountainside, let freedom ring.
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I
love thy rocks and rills, thy wood and templed hills, my heart with
rapture thrills like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet
freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe
partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

4. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing: Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might, great God, our king.

WORD

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm Reading

Psalms 145:8-14

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works. ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you. ¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power, ¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works. ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. ¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. ¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. ²⁰The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors

and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Hymn of the Day "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

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Apostles' Creed

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C: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. Heavenly Father, bring stillness to our hearts, empty our minds of other things and direct our thoughts to those who especially need our prayers.

A brief silence

P: We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

P: Eternal God, there is great longing in the world; people are desperate because of the suffering they endure. Earth cries out for peace; people cry for justice; women, men and children weep in sorrow and pain. Uplift those who cry out in oppression, and longing. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

P: We pray for the nations, especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

P: Holy God, we pray for those who have been stricken with Covid-19 or other feared illnesses. We ask for mercy on our fallen world and ask for healing to be upon the people of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

P: We pray for all in need -- for all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or healing. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Free us from all that keeps us bound. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

P: We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, staff, and congregational leaders. Energize volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

P: Heavenly Father, bring stillness to our hearts, empty our minds of other things and direct our thoughts to those who especially need our prayers. Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer.

SENDING

Benediction

P: God Almighty send your light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protects you. God's holy angels accompany you. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit cause grace to be mighty upon you. ***Amen.***

Sending Hymn *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* Number 888

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees, beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you always.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

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