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6th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

GATHERING HYMN (TIMELINE)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: 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.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned 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.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON (TIMELINE)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

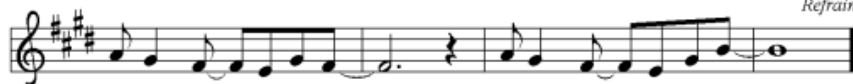


u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this	ho - ly	house,	for	all	who	wor-ship	and	praise,
we	may	live	out		truth	and	jus -	tice and grace,
life	and	for	love,		for	our	work	and our play,
nour-ish	our	souls	. . .	with	your	bod - y	and	blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE (TIMELINE)

Glory to God in the Highest...



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

GREETING (ACAPELLA)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

C: Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, we pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

L: The First Lesson is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 65:9-13

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

9 You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

**10 You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.**

11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;**

13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 2:6-8

L: The Second Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Colossians.

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACAPELLA)

L: Please rise in honor of the Gospel.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.



13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 If you have ears, hear!" 18 "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one

who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Sowers, Seeds and Soils"

PRAISE SONG (TIMELINE)

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

**He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

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

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (VIDEO)

Offering

OFFERING PRAYER

**C: Gracious God, we are grateful that you
welcome all who seek your love. Let these gifts
be joined with our prayers, our presence, and
our service, that we may live as faithful
disciples. Use all that we offer to bring hope
and healing to your people. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
Jesus, and for all people according to their
needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING

CLOSING SONG (TIMELINE)

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars – quietly (Sound que on slide)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

July 14 - @ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study -
Book of Romans

July 15-- @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 Pastor Ann's Office Hours

@ 5:30-7:30 PM Youth Cookout at Parsonage

@ 7:30 PM Council Meeting

July 16 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

July 17-18 - Pastor Ann attending Heartland District
Gathering in Fremont. It's not too late to join me!

July 19 - @ 9:30 AM - Regular Service at St. John

@ 11:00 AM - Fair Service at Fairgrounds

Today after Service: Mission Trip Meeting

Looking for adults and youth to join us on July 23-
25. We will deliver our love packages, and work in
the warehouse at Butler on Friday. Visit a famous
1924 Route 66 restaurant in Litchfield, shop and take
a paddleboat cruise down the Mississippi River in
Hannibal Missouri on our way home.

Future Date: Sunday, August 8th - Walk His Way
Free outdoor Christian Concert at Joy Field featuring
Cody Jarvis, Peter Burton and Cochren & Co. Begins
at 6:30 PM

Update: Watermelon plants thirsty but looking good!

Food Pantry items needed: cereal, peanut butter,
hamburger and tuna "helper meals", tuna, soups,
toilet paper and any other food you would like to
supply. We praise God for His generosity!

Scriptures for July 19th

1st Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 119:57-64

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 17:20-23

Sermon Title: "If We are the Body"

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