

Worship in the time of COVID-19

An order of worship for June 21, 2020

The Season After Pentecost

Welcome by Pastor Kristen

Opening Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God, come.

Verse: One day every tongue will confess you are God, one day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now

Chorus

Psalm: Psalm 69:7-18

7 Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

**8 I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

9 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**10 I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

11 I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

**12 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

13 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**14 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

15 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**16 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

17 Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**18Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

Psalm Song: But As For Me, O God (Psalm 69) by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Chorus: But as for me, O God, I turn to you, so answer me, O God, in your love (x2)

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

36and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

37Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38and whoever does not take

up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Sermon

Song: Lord Fill My Life

Chorus: Lord, fill my life with you alone

Empty myself of all that's my own

Lord, fill my life with you alone

Jesus, keep my eyes on you

Verse: Help me stand, help me stand for what's right

Help me walk, help me walk in the light

Help me run, help me run for the prize

Jesus, keep my eyes on you, Jesus keep my eyes on you

Chorus

Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our needy world, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, “your love is kind.”

O God, Father in heaven, hold your church in your loving arms. Protect believers who face persecution for your sake. Bless the work of evangelists and teachers who translate their faith into other languages. Strengthen our pastors, deacons, and church councils for their ministry during these troubling times. Hear us and help us, O God:**your love is kind.**

O God our provider, here in the north the summer solstice reminds us of your care for the whole creation. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Feed all your creatures, both the animals and the humans, with the sustenance they need for life. Guide us to sources of energy that do not destroy the earth you have created. Hear us and help us, O God:**your love is kind.**

O God our ruler, inspire our president, our governors and our legislators to work towards justice for all. Lead us to ways of life that are free from racial and ethnic prejudice. Strengthen the world's democracies, and sustain those who are working to secure free and safe elections. Give a home to refugees. Form our military and our police to work for peace and to inhibit violence. Hear us and help us, O God:**your love is kind.**

O God our physician, bring healing to all who are sick and suffering. Preserve the world from more waves of the coronavirus, and guide researchers who are seeking treatments and vaccines. Protect those whose jobs expose them to contagion. Support our health care workers. We remember before you those we name now in our hearts. Hear us and help us, O God:**your love is kind.**

O God our peacemaker, inhabit each household in the land with your powerful peace. Train us to live together in harmony, especially when quarantined together. Nourish marriages, and sustain extended families. Protect children from harm of every kind. Hear us and help us, O God:**your love is kind.**

O God our source of life, bless all fathers and father figures as they face both long-standing and emerging family needs. Comfort those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Hear us and help us, O God:**your love is kind.**

O God our beginning and our end, we bless you for all our forebears in family and faith who have lived and died in you. Remind us of their sacrifices, and at the end bring us with them in your household of joy. Hear us and help us, O God:**your love is kind.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**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.**

**Hymn: Rise Up, O Saints of God
Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

**2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.**

**3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;**

**redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.**

**4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.**

**5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!**

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Liturgy is from sundaysandseasons.com.
Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
License for streaming through OneLicense.net.

Scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Check Register Balance 6/19/2020: \$17,765.94

Operating Bank Loan: \$9,165

PPP Loan Balance: \$16,984

Current Fund: \$1,260

Benevolence: \$202

Improvement: \$85

Summer Food Program: \$30