

Worship in the time of COVID-19

An order of worship for July 19, 2020

The Season After Pentecost

Welcome by Pastor Kristen

Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

12 **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

13 For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

14 **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks
my life;**

they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 **Turn to me and have mercy on me;**

give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

17 **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be
put to shame;**

because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Psalm song: Teach Me Your Way, by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Chorus: Teach me your way, and I will walk in it (x2)

1. **Lean in and listen to my voice, O my God,
I've been calling to you all day long
Lean in and listen to my voice, O my God,
I am trusting your unfailing love**

Chorus

2. **When I'm in trouble, I will call on your grace
There is no one like you, Holy One
When I'm in trouble, I will call on your grace
Your forgiving, overflowing love**

Chorus

**3. Great is your love that won't let go even now
As my life is hunted day by day
Great is your love that won't let go even now
As the terror closes in we pray**

Chorus

**4. Show us a tiny sign of hope; we are yours
In your holy presence we're in awe
Show us a tiny sign of hope; we are yours
Your compassion for our world abounds**

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

24[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;25but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

36Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the

reapers are angels. 40Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Sermon

Song: Lord, You Are

Lord, you are more precious than silver

Lord, you are more costly than gold

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds

And nothing I desire compares with you

And the Lord said, "Child, you are more precious than silver,

Child, you are more costly than gold,

Child, you are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares with you."

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' 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 to the dead.*

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 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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways and our political divisions. Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, we pray for all who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic-- people who are sick with Covid-19, people who are grieving loved ones who have died, people who are hospitalized, and health care workers. We pray also for those who are suffering from the economic consequences of the pandemic-- those who have lost jobs, those who have diminished income, those who work in places where they are at risk of exposure, and those who are extremely anxious as they face decisions about schools and other institutions. Grant wisdom, compassion, and comfort to all of us in this stressful time. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for all who participate in our community VBS. We pray for the

safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us.

Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our 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: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear

the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares

**I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

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 and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
And have fun doing it. **We will! Amen!**

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