

June 14, 2020

PENTECOST 2 SUNDAY

Prelude: "Prelude in C" by J. S. Bach

Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

Worship Theme & Welcome

Call to worship:

Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³ You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep.
(from Ezekiel 34:2)

We who come to worship are painfully aware of the systems and underlying fears that push so many into the margins of our society.

We come asking questions, and prayerfully seeking answers, O God.

What can we do in a world where marginalized voices are often only acknowledged through protest? How do we seek peace, build connection, stand in solidarity?

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (from Matthew 9:36).

We come because injustice lives and breathes all around us; we come because we have compassion.

We cannot ignore the gut-wrenching feelings we experience as we watch the news, listen to hurt voices, and acknowledge the privilege and ignorance that plagues us.

We don't know all the answers, but our hearts are open to learning more, to doing better.

So we come, Lord. We come to hear your Word and embark on new paths of understanding, of action, of repentance.

Fill us with your compassionate ways, O Lord, as we worship together!

Hymn #717: "We cannot own the sunlit sky"

Soloist: Chris Tanaka-Mann, Organist: Bruce Nasmith

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Special Music: "How sweet the name" by Newton/Foulds

Soloist: Shaun Alphonso, Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:1-10; Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sermon: CALLED TO COMPASSION

Special Music: "But the Lord is mindful of His own" by Mendelssohn

Soloist: Elias Theochardis, Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn #480: "In Christ there is no east or west"

Soloists: Anna Bateman & Erin Stone, Organist: Bruce Nasmith

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude: "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" by J.S. Bach

Organist: Bruce Nasmith



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