

Woodbury United Methodist Church

June 28, 2020

4th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Softly and Tenderly* Will Thompson
Jeff and Barb Hunt, handbells

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

HYMN *Baptized in Water* traditional Gaelic melody
led by Carolyn Shay

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

OPENING PRAYER David Karraker, liturgist
adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*
based on Genesis 22, Matthew 10, Romans 6

Holy One, we acknowledge that our hearts are weighed down by our attachments in this life. As we enter this time of worship, help us to exhale our worries and inhale your Spirit that surrounds us. Help us find a space for release and reflection – a space to empty our souls and create a refuge for Sabbath rest. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME led by Paul Beavers, Jr. and Leeah Joo

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS led by Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER led by David Karraker

SCRIPTURE READINGS read by David Karraker

Lessons for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

Romans 6:12-23 (NRSV)

Slaves of Righteousness

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42 (NRSV)

Rewards of Discipleship

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

HYMN

I Am Thine, O Lord
led by Carolyn Shay

Fanny Crosby

**I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.**

Refrain:

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.**

**Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.**

Refrain

SERMON

Freedom From and Freedom For

Rev. Thomason

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Somebody Bigger Than You and I
Carolyn Shay, soloist

Johnny Lange

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE

You Are Near
Christopher Shay, instrumentalist

Dan Schutte