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11:00 AM—June 26, 2022—Third Sunday after Pentecost
Traditional Worship Service

Setting Ten—Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

PRELUDE

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon!

Gilbert Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. **Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

HYMN 645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus!" "Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "for he was slain for us!" Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow'r divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for ever thine. Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from 1 Kings.

In the story preceding today’s reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God’s mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

The Lord will show me the path of life.

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- ²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people. R**
- ³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips. R**
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;**

indeed, I have a rich inheritance. R
⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;**
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R
⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,**
nor let your holy one see the pit. R
¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-
evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from Galatians.

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN 584

The Son of God, Our Christ

SURSUM CORDA

CREED

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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

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

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The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Pete Davis, cello

Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Richard Hillert

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

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Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Hymn 814

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN

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Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN

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LORD'S PRAYER

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN 470

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

HYMN 810

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Dialogue

Gilbert Martin

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Harris & Kristi Hall's 40th wedding anniversary on June 26th. Happiness IS being married to your BEST friend! Here's to another 40 wonderful years!

Bulletin Covers. Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God by Lib Manus "Mama" in honor of Melvin Manus's 80th birthday.

Funeral Pall Dedication. The Funeral Pall dedicated today is given to the glory of God in loving memory of our grandparents, Henry & Carolyn Geiger, and our father, Robert Keller West, and in honor of our mother, Janice Geiger-West, who has worked with the pall ministry for the past 40 years, by the families of Rev. Reggie & Amanda West Cruse and Josh, Rebekah & Keller Cruse; and Bill & Susan West Hunnicutt and Rachel Hunnicutt.

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Michael Cole, Sarah Cole, Steven Cole, Michael Marchant, Aaron Prim, Berley Rister, Joy Smith, Tristan Spainhour, Jon Thomas, Shirley Thomas, Fred Vallejo, Sarah Whitehead.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Boyd Steele, Ronnie Hutto, Carroll Hutchinson, Jackie Macaulay, Lauren Addy.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Murray Hoskins, Will Wood, Paul Jacobs, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Nancy Allen, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Barbara Stilwell, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Kim Hammons, Marty Eaddy, Zander Yarnall, Steve Collum, Allisa Smith, John Bundrick, Beth Watts, Henry Gainey, Bob & Shirley Spruill, Pete Guyton, Paula Hawkins, Jean Jones, Lori Gladiness.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Lisa Long, Bob Dennis, Pastor Charles Easley, John Awtry, Donna Addy Dickerson.

Today's Worship Assistants

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