

# We Are the Church: July 26, 2020

Week Nine: An Inclusive Community/Ambassadors of Christ



**PRELUDE:** Music provided by Morgan Coy and Gloria Gilbertson

**OPENING HYMN:**

Verses 1, 2 and 4 Only

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen  
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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.
- L: Listen deeply to these words as we confess our sins, trusting in the mercy of God. Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.
- L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Let us pray:
- O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **The First Reading: Acts 10:9-17, 34-35**

### *Nothing God Has Declared as Clean can be Called Profane*

L: The first reading is from Acts the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup> He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. <sup>12</sup> In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup> Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” <sup>15</sup> The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” <sup>16</sup> This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. <sup>17</sup> Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared, ( <sup>34</sup>and speaking also to Cornelius) he said: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

## **The Second Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

### *Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit*

L: The second reading is from Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## **The Third Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

### *We Are Ambassadors of Reconciliation*

L: The third reading is from Second Corinthians, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**SERMON:**

**Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt**

# SPECIAL MUSIC

## One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*



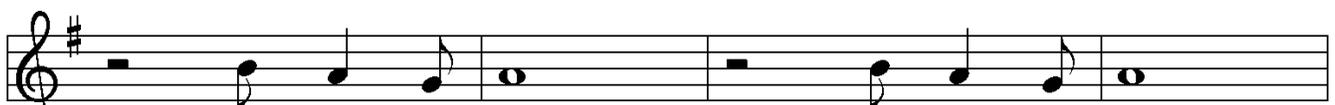
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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*Musicians: Morgan Coy and Gloria Gilbertson*

## **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.**

## **OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness

is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your

abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your

steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our

strength and our song. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: On this morning, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give. Amen.

*A brief silence. The Leader continues.*

We pray for the church throughout the world. *A brief silence.*

For the spirit of resurrection within all believers. *A brief silence.*

For the newly baptized. *A brief silence.*

For the health of plants and animals. *A brief silence.*

For all who care for the earth. *A brief silence.*

For peace throughout the world. *A brief silence.*

For an increase of justice in every land. *A brief silence.*

For those in need, those close to home, those far away. *A brief silence.*

For those who are hungry. *A brief silence.*

For the sick and the dying. *A brief silence.*

For our neighborhood. *A brief silence.*

For this assembly of worshipers. **(Any Special Petitions)** *A brief silence.*

For the desires of our hearts. *A brief silence.*

We give thanks for the lives of all the faithful who have died and who now enjoy the full presence of God. We pray that at the end we may join them in the resurrection.

*A brief silence.*

On this morning, O God, receive our prayers and praises, and give us your Spirit, that our lives may be signs of the new life you give through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **THE 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship:** Sunday at 9AM on the lawn; 10AM Zoom. Online available afternoon

→ Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Wednesday at 6:30 PM online via Zoom

→ Communion: August 8 & August 19

→ Campfire Worship at SJK: July 29, 2020 at 6:30 PM

## **Bible Studies**

Thursdays at 9:30 AM via Zoom: Women of Faith

Saturdays at 10 AM via Google Meets: "Lamentations"

## **BLESSING**

L: 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**

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

# SENDING SONG

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## We are an offering

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of seven staves of music. Each staff includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. Chord symbols are written above the staff lines. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering."

F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E  
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>  
 lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our

C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G/F  
 hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>/A A Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G Esus D/F# E/G# Am  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E Bb/C Dm<sup>7sus2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G  
 give to you, we give to you.

G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E  
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G C  
 lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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