



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 10, 2022

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbors and the strangers we meet.

Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves.

Forgive us for our selfishness, for our silence, for not caring enough for the strangers who come to our communities.

Teach us to love and care for the stranger the way you do.

Amen. *[Silence is kept]*

***Words of Assurance (Unison – based on Psalm 25)**

We remember, O Lord, Your kindness and constant love which You have shown from long ago. You erase the sins and errors of my youth. In Your constant love and goodness, You remember us, and You teach us your ways! Keep making them known to us. Teach us to live according to Your truth, for You are our God, who enfolds and fulfills us – we will always trust in You!

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson – Colossians 1.9-14 [The Message]

Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to His will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making Him proud of you as you work hard in His orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do your work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that He has for us.

God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son He loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.

Gathering Together in Prayer

Prayer Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

The Apostle Peter reminds us: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10).

Offertory

*"I Will Serve the Lord All My Days" (Don Besig)
(Isabella Thoroughman ~ Flute)*

Each day I live, I will walk with the Lord,
I will follow Him wherever He may lead.
He will take my hand, He will understand;
His grace is all that I need.

Each day I live, I will talk with the Lord,
I will come to Him in worship and in prayer.
He will hear my plea, He will comfort me;
His love will always be there. Alleluia!
My heart sings with glory and with praise. Alleluia!
I will serve the Lord all my days.

Each day I live, I will sing to the Lord,
I will lift my voice to glorify His name.
Singing clear and strong, I will raise my song,
His wondrous love I'll proclaim!

Alleluia! My heart sings with glory and with praise.
Alleluia! I will serve the Lord all my days.
I will serve my Savior and my Lord all my days!

Scripture Lesson – Luke 10.25-37

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?” Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?”

He responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?”

Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Sermon

We Could Really Use Some ‘Likewise’!

Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

Hymn #61

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” (Wellesley)

(see last page)

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Love Divine All Love’s Excelling” (Gordon Young)

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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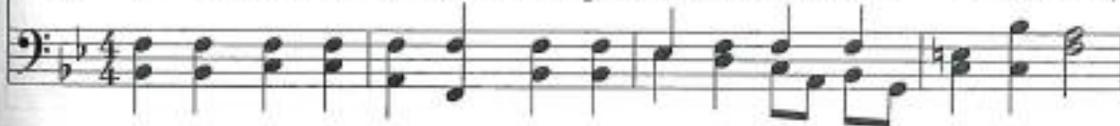
Today's *Call to Worship* is from Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. (rev-o-lution.org/).

The Confession is adapted from the work of Bruce Prewer from Bruce Prewer's Home page (www.bruceprewer.com/); and Rebeca Jiménez Yoder, from the website of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (www.tcdsb.org/Pages/default.aspx).

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 61



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner and more grac-es for the good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
4 If our love were but more sim-ple, we would take him at his word,



there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty,
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood,
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.



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