

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19th, 2020

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love for us is great!

God is like a loving parent who watches over us!

God's mercy for us is great!

God reaches out to us with healing hands.

Give praise to God who has gathered us here

Praise God whose love and mercy never ends!

GREETING

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.**

OPENING SONG

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

#512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 5:12-16

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL:

Mark 7:5-15

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great!**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

GODSPEED FOR RICK AND CHRIS PANOS

BENEDICTION

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.

SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

#537

**On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?**

**Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

**Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
Unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore. refrain**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Stay safe and be safe. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Clair de Lune

Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

A special thanks to Cathy Parker, Sarah Tatman, and Claudia Fitzpatrick for providing special music this morning.