# **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

# August 8, 2021 @ 8:30am

**THEME:** Jesus is portrayed as pioneer, brother, and liberator in today's text. We are liberated from slavery to fear and death, so we can more fully embrace life.

### **PRELUDE**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God whose love is pouring over us, welcomes us here today.

# Praise be to God!

God whose healing power is ready to bind up our wounds, welcomes us here today.

### Praise be to God!

God whose transforming presence offers us hope and peace, welcomes us here today.

Praise be to God who loves, heals and restores us. Amen

### \*GATHERING SONG

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart Come, just as you are to worship Come, just as you are before your God Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains for those Who gladly choose You now

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One day every tongue will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains for those Who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives Willingly our knees will bow With all our heart, soul, mind and strength We gladly choose You now

Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart Come, just as you are to worship Oh come, just as you are before your God Come, come, come, oh come

## \*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.** 

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Patient God, we want to have things go well and all too often we stand in the way of peace and hope. We want to overcome the barriers which prevent us from being people of compassion and hope. Help us to become peacemakers and those who would bring hope. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen** 

**FIRST READING** Hebrews 2:10-18 Pew Bible New Testament Page 235

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL John 11:46-53 Pew Bible New Testament Page 109

The Holy Gospel according to John the 11<sup>th</sup>chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

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

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON** Pastor Pam Challis

\*SERMON HYMN Word of God. Come Down on Earth

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Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation, saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling, Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

# **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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer** 

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.

# BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ⊕ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.** 

# **SENDING SONG**

On Eagle's Wings

#787

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

# Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain* 

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. Refrain

For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

#### Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand; and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

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