

Sunday, June 6, 2021 Second Sunday after Pentecost
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 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
 Bold print - read in unison.

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS As you enter this sacred space, may you be renewed by the steadfast love of God. May your spirit be filled with the Spirit of Christ, and may you sing praises and give glory to God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Liturgist) Patti Ferguson, Liturgist

PRELUDE (Piano) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. Phillip Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP (Liturgist)

Leader: People of God, enter this place with thanksgiving and praise,

People: for the Lord is good.

Leader: Come and rejoice, sing glory to God,

People: for the Lord is good.

Leader: Remember, the steadfast love of God endures forever,

People: for the Lord is good.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Liturgist)

Gracious God, we often forget that you are the ruler of our lives. Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere. We want what others have. We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down. We become distracted by the activities around us. We forget to keep our focus on you. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, that we may see your presence in our lives. Remind us again that you are the Lord of our lives— the one who loves us completely, the one who offers us abundant forgiveness, the one who never leaves our side. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN (Organ & Liturgist) This is My Father's World UMH 144

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Liturgist) Traditional UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER (Pastor) Reverend Dr. George Winkfield

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Liturgist) **1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15) 16-20**

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of

the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. the Lord will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (Lectern)

Judy Zahren

PASTORAL PRAYER (Lectern)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Liturgist)

OFFERTORY SELECTION (Piano & Liturgist)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS 2153

OFFERING PRAYER (Pastor)

Almighty Creator, you have blessed us with abundant life and steadfast love. We offer these gifts to you, asking that your Holy Spirit will bless them and use them to shower grace and love upon our brothers and sisters, both near and far. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Pastor)

Mark 3:20-35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

HYMN OF PREPARATION (Organ & Liturgist)

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

SERMON (Pastor)

Reverend Dr. George Winkfield

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Pastor)

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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (Piano & Liturgist)

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

TFWS 2151

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE (Organ)

Little Prelude in G Minor

arr. Paul Taylor