

The Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Minute for Stewardship

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

The Closing Hymn #346 "For the Healing of the Nations" *(Glory to God)*

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

The Benediction

The Postlude

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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

"Brother James' Air"

Canticle Ringers

The Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's love endures forever!

Leader: God has heard our cries and offers us hope.

People: Let us praise the One who nurtures us,

Leader: who sustains us,

People: who brings us new life.

All: Let us worship God!

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

**Great and good God,
give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Dag Hammarskjold (1905 – 1961)

The Opening Hymn #113 "We Have Come into His House" *(Sing to the Lord)*

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.

We have come into His house and gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him—Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him
and worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him—Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name
and worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him—Christ the Lord.

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

**Holy and merciful God,
you alone know the depth of our sin.
You alone know how often we have
wandered from your ways,
wasted your gifts,
forgotten your love.
Have mercy on us, Lord.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Musical Response

“Gloria Patri”

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.

The Church in Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Revelation 21: 1 - 6

Matthew 23: 1 – 12

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music

“In the Garden”

Canticleer Ringers

The Micro Message

Musical Response #775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

(Glory to God)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking.
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

(Glory to God)

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and clothed in Christ’s humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ’s liberating word.

The Church Responds

The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed *(In Unison)*

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Revelation 21: 1 - 6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.

He will dwell^[b] with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Matthew 23: 1 – 12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; ³ therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶ They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷ and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸ But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹ And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.



The flowers today are given in celebration of our new members Brian Farrington and Carol Dreyer.



Happy Birthday to:

November 2

Paul Cornibe

November 7

Natalie McKay

For Such a Time as This:

Interfaith Service of Healing for Our Community & Nation

*Join us for a Zoom webinar on November 5th at 7 p.m.
hosted by the Butler Clergy Network*



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