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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Serving Today

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Stephen Burtonwood

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, Help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. (*Repeat*)

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION¹

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: Yes, so I believe.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

Hymnal p.812

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.**

**“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“To be exalted thus!”**

**“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“For He was slain for us!”**

**Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.**

**Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits up on the throne
And to adore the Lamb.**

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, who has given us this good earth in which to live and who sends rain and sun to cause plants to produce fruit and grain for harvest, continue to send Your life-giving Word to us so that we resist the cares of this world and return to You a harvest of new sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10–13

L: The first reading for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter fifty-five of Isaiah.

God's Word accomplishes His plans as surely as rain gives growth to plants.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

based on Psalm 65

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Hymnal p. 893

**Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluia raise.
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.**

**God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness, All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12–17

L: The second reading is from chapter eight of Romans.

Because the Spirit leads us, we know we are children of God.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter thirteen.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Whoever hears the Word and understands it will produce a great harvest for God in spite of worldly opposition.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

Hymnal p. 589

SERMON³

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Hymnal p. 917

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Psalm 150

Jaebon Hwang

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

