

***The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021***

Worship Notes

We give thanks that you have joined us for worship this morning.
We give thanks that we are able to gather in this sacred space to hear and speak to God.

*The flowers on the altar are given by Becky+ to the Glory of God
and in memory of her friend Erin on her birthday .*

Our broadcast service is found on FM station 100.1

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As the Delta variant has brought new health challenges, the vestry and I, in consultation with health professionals, are exercising caution. Due to the recent rise in positive testing rates and in the numbers of cases, Pittsylvania County is now a High Risk area. These decisions were difficult but we feel are prudent. Our new health safety protocols are:

- Regardless of vaccination status, we are all wearing masks while inside either of our buildings. Those serving/leading worship will remove their mask when at the lectern or pulpit.
- Choir members will wear the special choir masks when singing.
- When coming forward during the distribution of the Holy Elements, please:
 - Come forward using the center aisle. Return to your pew via the side aisle.
 - Maintain 6' spacing!
 - Keep your mask on. Receive the bread and wine, step to the side. Then remove your mask. Place your cup on the tray. Put your mask back on.
- As you leave church to serve the Lord, please greet each other **outside**.
- After the service, join us outside for Lemonade on the Lawn, keeping a 6 foot physical distance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

Anne Hunt 15

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Becky Crites Organist and Music Director: Kenyon Scott

Reader: Charles Williams EM: Laura Chappell

Vestry

Laura Chappell (Sr. Warden) Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden),
Kenyon Scott, Rick Dixon, Betty Camp

Emmanuel Wonder Wednesdays 11 AM

Join us and our good conversations about living our faith!

Saturday, Sept. 11th 9 am

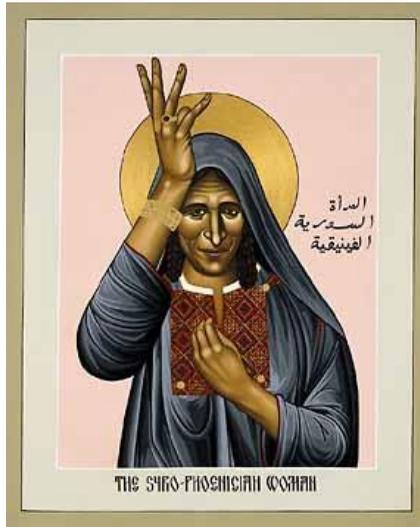
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on this 20th anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11th, 2001.*

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THE ENTRANCE RITE

Announcements
Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven Blue Hymnal 1982 #410

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Hymn of Praise (*standing*)

Hymnal 1982 # S280

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

The First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response to the Reading

Psalms 146

read responsively by whole verse

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *and in that day their thoughts perish.

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

James 1:17-27

A reading from the Letter of James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn (*standing*)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Hymnal 1982 #602

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." Presider

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father (and the Son)
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy,
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. We invite your petitions in this silence

We are surrounded by people who are in pain, physically and spiritually. We pray that they are upheld by our prayer and come to know healing in their lives. We pray for: *Rosemary, Sharon, Ruth, Bill, Ashby, Jane, Charles, Jay, Macon, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, Christine, Rick, Brett, Ed, Larry, and Dale.*

Silence

We give thanks for our friends who know us and stand with us anyway, remembering Erin, for whom the altar flowers are given.

In God's close keeping we pray for the forgiveness of our sins:

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2, EOW

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your

image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we now sing:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us with St. Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of Bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

All are invited to receive communion or a blessing. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Hymn during communion *As the bread of life is broken* James J. Chepponis, Gustav Holst

Chorus *As the bread of life is broken,
the cup of love outpoured,
We Are one in Christ, our Savior,
and sent to serve the Lord.*

*1 We, the many who are gathered,
are united now as one.*

*In this joyful celebration,
we recall what God has done.*

*3 In the bread of life here given,
we become what we receive.*

*In the cup of love here offered,
we affirm what we believe.*

*2 In the word of God proclaimed here
the good news of truth is heard.*

*In the telling of the stories,
we are open to God's word.*

*4 Sent as blessing for God's people,
to go forth in love and peace,*

*In our witness to God's kingdom,
may our charity increase.*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

***Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.***

Blessing and Dismissal *(please stand)*

Friends, life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 1982 #470

Postlude

We invite you to remain seated for the postlude

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