

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 25, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: Nocturne No.20 in C# Minor

F. Chopin

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather to celebrate the ways
in which God is alive in our lives;

To find our strength renewed through expressing our faith;

To know the depth of God's surrounding love;

To find meaning in the challenges that face us.

We light this candle to invite the Spirit of God in our midst.

May God bless our time together.

Opening Hymn: **Come, Let Us Sing** (Voices United 222)

Words: Jim Strathdee 1976

Music: Jim Strathdee 1976; piano arrangement Jean Strathdee 1976

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- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.

Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you who search and know us and are acquainted
with all our ways, we need to search and know you, we need to
be acquainted with your ways.

As you are always present with us, we endeavor to always be
present with you. For in our pain and grief, our guilt and doubt,
we sometime lose touch with you. Keep us from wandering
aimlessly through time. God be with us. Amen.

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Mark 9:30-37

Reflection: "Making Your Days Count"

Hymn of the Day: **Open My Eyes, That I May See**
(Voices United 371)

Words: Clara H. Scott 1895; Music: Clara H. Scott 1895

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Invitation to Offering

We are called to play our part in building up the foundations of love and service. By our giving, we strengthen our commitment to be the people of God.
Our offering will now be received.

Choral Response: **Give Thanks** (please stand as you are able)
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Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, receive from our hands the gifts we bring. We offer what we can in glory and praise to you. May we be strengthened as we give, and may the world be enriched by these gifts. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Never Ending Joy (More Voices 40)

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Refrain: Never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy!

1 God of every tribe, every language,
God of every river and sea,
God of every mountain and island,
you bring joy to me. *Refrain*

2 God of every hill, every valley,
God of every leaf, every tree,
God of every cloud, every raindrop,
you bring joy to me. *Refrain*

3 God of every song, every story,
God of every captive set free,
God of every dance, every footstep,
you bring joy to me. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leadership – James Yi

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

A Time to Wonder – Beth Parsons

Scripture Reader – Joanne Thomas

Greeters – Deanna Bertelsen & Donna Loglisci

Spirit Kids Program – Melanie Styles

Technical Support – Sam Boehner & Ron Norman

Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group