

the eleventh sunday after

pentecost



August 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Gathering and Welcome

Bob Horn

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Voluntary

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Kirsten Fitzsimmons & Margie Fielder

Call to Worship

Margie Fielder

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. We begin in the name of the Lord who made us. Let us sing and worship together as we praise God's holy name.**

Hymn #151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Merciful Father, we are so grateful that our salvation does not rest on what we have done, but rather on what Christ has done. While we were still sinners, Christ gave His very life for us. Yet we confess to You that we somehow manage to take Your lovingkindness for granted. Forgive us for our many faults, including our self-righteous attitudes against others. Direct us once again to Your unfailing goodness so that we may produce much fruit for Your glory. In Jesus' Name we 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 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.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it



was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

The Apostles' Creed

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; on 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.

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Lesson

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Margie Fielder

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

NT p. 181-182

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Second Lesson

Mark 4:35-41

NT p. 39

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon Bullet Points

- ♥ Be ready to defend and live your faith. You will be tested.
- ♥ There will be many detractors who will tempt you and even speak ill of you
- ♥ Fear challenges faith
- ♥ Jesus is always present through the Holy Spirit

Today's scriptures speak of challenges to faith. Paul's letter to the Corinthians speaks of self-doubt by the new followers of Christ. The passage from the gospel of Mark speaks of fear and terror experienced by the apostles. Both passages point to challenges to faith. We can draw lessons from both scriptures for our lives today. We still live in chaotic times that are filled with self-doubt brought on by contradictory messages we get from all sides. At times fear takes over our senses and we can't think straight. This is particularly true when we lose control of our lives like during a hurricane or a pandemic!

First let's explore the passage from Paul's letter.

2nd Corinthians was written during a difficult time in Paul's relation with the church in Corinth. Some members made strong attacks against him. It is not clear exactly what was behind the attacks, but we might suppose that because Paul was absent, some local leaders decided to take control. There were many other preachers and so-called prophets vying for followers. Paul urged his followers not to let God's grace be wasted.

Only a person with total commitment would accept sufferings such as this as a consequence of their calling. Paul's sufferings validate his ministry.

First, there is what we undergo physically with "great endurance": afflictions, hardships, and calamities. Then, there is what we experience because of what others do to us: beatings, imprisonments, and riots. Last, there are the ways we are personally affected by our vocation as God's servants: labors, sleepless nights, and hunger.

Although we may have a hard time as modern people identifying with the extremity of these descriptions of apostolic suffering, they do point to the fact that our participation in the service and word of reconciliation can never be divorced from the very real vicissitudes of human life; indeed, it may bring even more hardship into our lives.

Christians often experience opposition and persecution. We have read about the persecutions of Christians at the hands of Romans and Jews in the first century, but far more Christians died for their faith in the twentieth century than in the first—and we are on track for even worse in the twenty-first century. Opposition to the Christian faith literally comes from every direction—from the right and from the left—so we must deploy our defenses broadly.

In Mark's gospel we see the apostles in a terror filled situation, a mighty storm on the Sea of Galilee.

This will seem ironic when we look at the story of the storm at sea. The disciples are insiders, but they still don't "get it"—not even close. In Matthew and Luke, the disciples won't "get it" until after the resurrection.

It is easy to be seduced by popularity and difficult to walk away from a favorable crowd. Jesus, however, could walk away from the crowd to pray or to carry on his work elsewhere.

The church today needs to learn from Jesus. We love crowds, especially those that fill our pews and coffers. We are tempted to follow wherever the crowd would lead. But we need to evaluate popular opinion carefully and walk away when it isn't faithful to Biblical teaching. We also need to walk away from crowds so that we might spend time alone.

The disciples fail the faith test. They were afraid of the storm, and now they are afraid of Jesus. They should believe—they have heard Jesus teach and have seen him work miracles—but they allow their fears to trump their faith.

To have faith in God is scary business. It is also risky. It means we have to trust in the power of God instead of our own ability. It means we have to take risks we are not always willing to take.

Hymn #388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Prayers of the People

Bob Horn

Offertory

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?
Kirsten Fitzsimmons & Margie Fielder

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Hymn #403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Benediction

Bob Horn

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation
Kirsten Fitzsimmons & Margie Fielder

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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DIADEMATA SMD

Matthew Bridges, 1851

George Job Elvey, 1868

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;

Hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;

And hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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John Ernest Bode, 1868

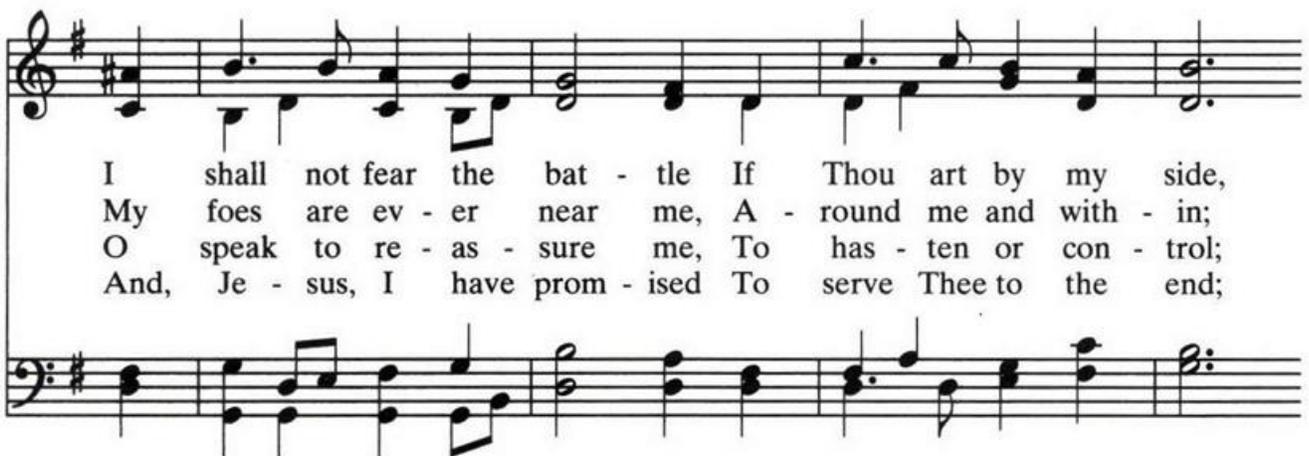
Arthur Henry Mann, 1881



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;
I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;
A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;
That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my friend.

Jin Shil Ha Shin Chin Goo

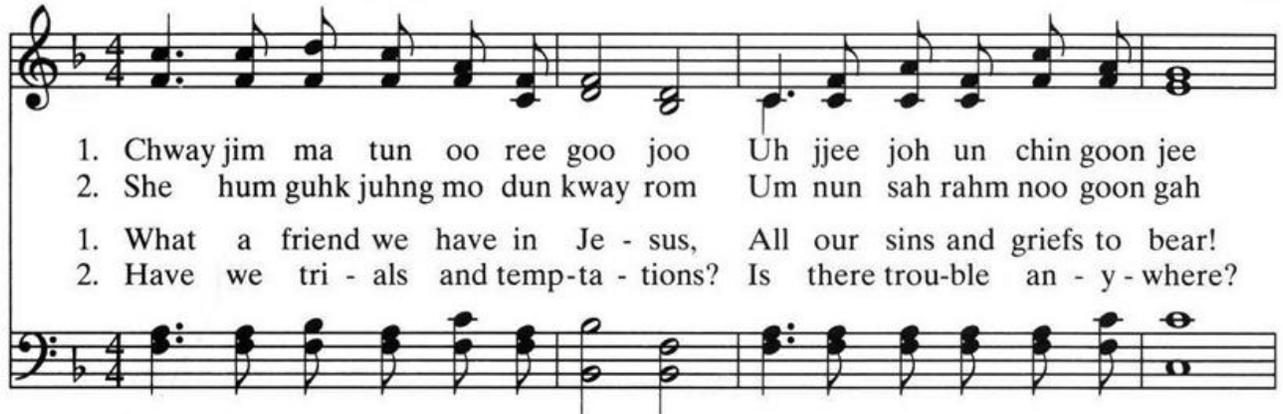
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Joseph Scriven, c. 1855

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue

Charles Crozat Converse, 1868



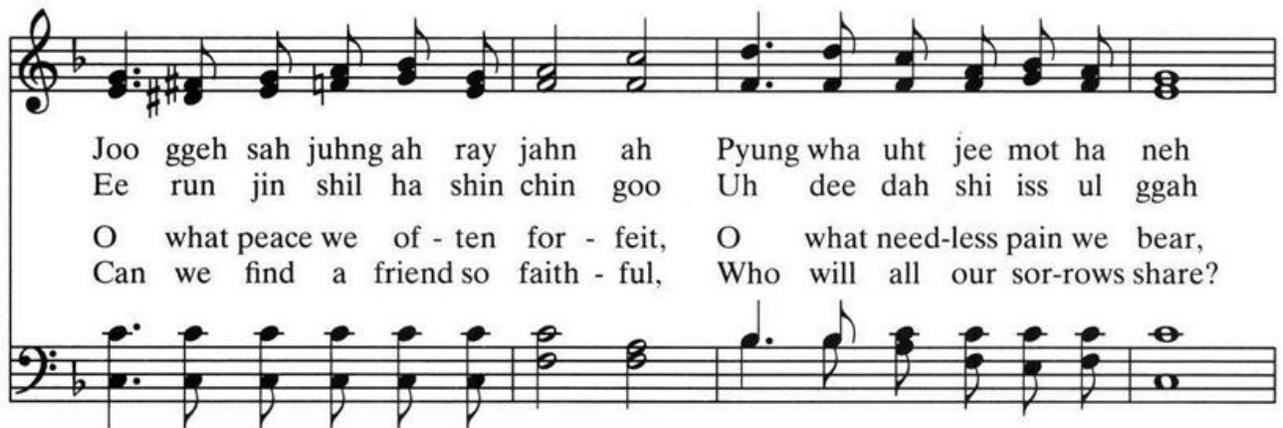
1. Chway jim ma tun oo ree goo joo Uh jjee joh un chin goon jee
 2. She hum guhk juhng mo dun kway rom Um nun sah rahm noo goon gah

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?



Kuhk juhng keun shim moo guh oon jim Oo ree joo ggeh mat ggee seh
 Boo jil up see nahk shim mahl go Kee doh duh ryuh ah ray seh

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Joo ggeh sah juhng ah ray jahn ah Pyung wha uht jee mot ha neh
 Ee run jin shil ha shin chin goo Uh dee dah shi iss ul gгах

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?



Oo ree du ree uht jjee ha yuh Ah rel joo rul mo rul kka
 Oo ree yak ham ah shi oh nee Uh jjee ah nee ah rel kka

All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!