

5th Sunday after Pentecost
5º domingo después de Pentecostés
Sunday, July 5, 2020
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Unity Lutheran Church of Berwyn
Grounded together in faith and love...
Bringing God's Word to life...
Embracing the community and the world...

Cimentados juntos en la fe y el amor ...
Dando vida a la Palabra de Dios ...
Abrazando la comunidad y el mundo ...

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We rely on our own efforts. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

1. "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."

Refrain

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.

2. "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest." *Refrain*

3. "Come to me, believers
burdened;
find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my
face." *Refrain*

4. "Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine
compassion,
turn to me, I call your
name." *Refrain*

5. "Come to me, distressed and
needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands
extend." *Refrain*

6. "Come to me, abandoned,
orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my
home." *Refrain*

REETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made
us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and
serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



Rejoice in heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
Look! Your ruler comes to you:
victorious and triumphant,
humble, riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ The ruler will banish
chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow will be banished. The ruler will proclaim peace
for the nations;
the empire stretching from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, due
to the blood covenant with me,
I am returning your prisoners
from their waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O
prisoners of hope!
Today I declare that I will give you back double!

Word of God. **Word of Life.**

¹⁵ I don't understand what I do—for I don't do the things I want to do, but rather the things I hate. ¹⁶ And if I do the very thing I don't want to do, I am agreeing that the Law is good. ¹⁷ Consequently, what is happening in me is not really me, but sin living in me. ¹⁸ I know that no good dwells in me, that is, in my human nature; the desire to do right is there, but not the power. ¹⁹ What happens is that I don't do the good I intend to do, but the evil I do not intend. ²⁰ But if I do what is against my will, it is not I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ²¹ This means that even though I want to do what is right, a law that leads to wrongdoing is always at hand. ²² My inner self joyfully agrees with the law of God, ²³ but I see in my body's members another law, in opposition to the law of my mind; this makes me the prisoner of the law of sin in my members. ²⁴ How wretched I am! Who can free me from this body under the power of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God—it is Jesus Christ our Savior!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

“What comparison can I make with this generation? They are like children shouting to others as they sit in the marketplace, ¹⁷ ‘We piped you a tune, but you wouldn’t dance. We sang you a dirge, but you wouldn’t mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He is possessed.’ ¹⁹ The Chosen One comes, eating and drinking, and they say, ‘This one is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ Wisdom will be vindicated by her own actions.”

²⁵ Then Jesus prayed, “Abba God, Creator of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever, you have revealed to the youngest children. ²⁶ Yes, Abba, everything is as you want it to be.”

²⁷ Jesus continued, “Everything has been handed over to me by Abba God.

No one knows the Only Begotten except Abba God, and no one knows Abba God except the Only Begotten—and those to whom the Only Begotten wants to give that revelation.

²⁸ Come to me, all you who labor and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Here you will find rest for your souls, ³⁰ for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Julie Boleyn

This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult

conversations, especially with regard to systemic and institutional racism. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for migrants and asylum seekers at our southern border. We especially pray for those interred in unhealthy conditions; we give thanks for the judicial order uniting detained migrant children with their parents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great

We pray for our community, let us embrace our differences. Change the hearts and minds of those who spread hatred and discrimination. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for those who are ill with the COVID-19 virus. Keep safe health care providers and first responders. Direct researchers and scientists in their search for vaccine for the virus. Let us continue to practice safe distancing in our daily lives. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for those seeking employment; those who have newly graduated, those who have been furloughed or laid off. Be with those who have found employment, or returning to work, especially those in need of childcare. Keep safe all those whose jobs or occupations bring them in close contact with others. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed

especially those who are members of our church community: Helen, Ann, Jessica, Alberta, Pam, Evelyn, Donna, Linda, Virginia, Dorothy, Richard, Lucy, Jan, and Lucile.

Those who are dear to us: Abby, Mary, April, Robert, Rosa, Nan, Marcia, Maria and Toribio, Patricia, Judy, Gillian and Peter, Donald, Gloria, Edward, Barb, Carlos, Jennifer, Jacque, Erica, Citlali, Julia, Erika, Greg, Phil, Jerry, Katie, Kevin, Irene, Andrea, and Ximena; Mireya and Rigoberto; Anabel and her family; Soledad and Jamie; Karen, Patrick, Kali, and Robert. We ask that you be with Jessica and her physicians during her eye surgery on Thursday. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, vicars, deacons, church council members, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building, and digital platforms. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for congregations worshiping you in person during this time of pandemic illness. Guide our congregation's leaders as they determine how we will responsibly resume our in-person worship of you in August. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For what else do the people of God Pray?

We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



Let us pray.

My Lord Jesus, you are truly present in the bread and wine we share together at the feast of communion. We love you above all things, and long for your presence. We long to share in the feast of life with you. In this time when we cannot share in the Body of Christ together, please come to our hearts, fill us with your Spirit. Grant us your grace. Surround us with your peace. For in the waters of baptism, you have already come to us, embracing us with your abundant life. Help us to remember that nothing can separate us from your love.

Amen.



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.



Oh, Sing to God Above

1. Oh, sing to God above
a hymn of joyful greeting,
a song of grateful love
in the new day's light
repeating:
you made the sea and sky,
the sun and stars in splendor;
delight shone in your eye—
all your works were filled with
wonder.

Refrain
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, sing to God above:
Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, sing to God above:
Alleluia!

2. Oh, sing to God above
a hymn of praise and blessing,
a song of grateful love,
hope and faith our hearts
expressing:
creation lifts its voice
to tell your might and glory,
and we, too, will rejoice
to proclaim the saving
story. *Refrain*

Oh, sing to God above:
Alleluia!

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.



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