

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 6, 2020

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

OPENING HYMN #573 Black Hymnal

"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

*Lead On Eternal Sovereign, follow in Your way
Loud rings Your cry for justice, Your call for peace this day.
Through prayerful preparation, Your grace will make us strong,
To carry on the struggle, to triumph over wrong.*

*Lead On Eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,
For in Your human conflict Your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness, You will not let us fall,
Our trust is in Your promise that love will conquer all.*

*Lead On Eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And all Your saints together will sing a hymn of peace.
Then all in Your dominion will live with hearts set free,
To love and serve each other for all eternity.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Please share your prayers through the Zoom Group Chat found at the bottom of your Zoom screen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

HYMN #575 Black Hymnal

“O For A World”

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and miseries relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears be no more, and all but love will cease.*

THE MORNING'S BIBLE STORY

Exodus 12:1-14

Romans 13:8-14

REFLECTIONS ON THE SCRIPTURE

Rev. Anya Powers

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Faye Chen

The Maiden's Prayer, Op. 4

By Badarzewska-Baranowska

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #582 Black Hymnal

“O God of Earth and Altar”

*O God of Earth and altar, bow down and hear our cry;
Our earthly rulers falter, our people drift and die;
The walls of gold entomb us, the swords of scorn divide;
Take not Your thunder from us, but take away our pride.*

*From all that terror reaches, from lies of pen and voice,
From all the easy speeches that make our hearts rejoice,
From value's profanation, from honor sacrificed,
From sleep and from damnation, deliver us O Christ!*

*Awaken us to action and forge us into one,
Defying sect and faction; O God Your will be done!
Oppressive systems snare us; our apathies increase.
Great God in mercy spare us for justice and for peace!*

BENEDICTION

**All: May God's face shine upon us;
may Christ's peace rule among us;
may the Spirit's fire burn within us,
as we scatter into the world until we meet again.
Amen and Amen!**