

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
July 20, 2025

**Opening Hymn #235 (v. 1, 2, 6)**  
*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in  
And in our hearts Thy work begin,  
Thy temple deign to make us;  
Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us.  
That we, In Thee  
Truly living, To The giving  
Prayer unceasing,  
May in love be still increasing.

2. Give to thy Word impressive power  
That in our hearts, from this good hour,  
As fire it may be glowing;  
That we confess the Father, Son,  
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One,  
Thy glory ever showing.  
Stay Thou, Sway now  
Our souls ever That they never  
May forsake Thee,  
But by faith their Refuge make Thee.

6. O mighty Rock, O Source of Life,  
Let Thy dear Word, mid doubt and strife,  
Be strong within us burning  
That we be faithful unto death,  
In Thy pure love and holy faith,  
From Thee true wisdom learning.  
Thy grace And peace  
On us shower; By Thy power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us win our Savior's blessing.

### **Invocation**

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners  
confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean

and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C ♪Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

**C ♪Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

**C ♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Salutation**

P The Lord be with you

C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ **Amen**

### **The First Lesson – Genesis 18:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who

prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 27:7-14**

*Antiphon – Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.*

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*

**be gracious to me and | answer me!**

You have said, | "Seek my face."\*

**My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, | do I seek."**

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in | anger,\*

**O you who have been my help. Cast me not off;  
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!**

For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,\*

**but the LORD will | take me in.**

Teach me your way, | O LORD,\*

**and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.**

Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;\*

**for false witnesses have risen against me, and they  
breathe out | violence.**

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD\*

**in the land of the | living!**

Wait | for the LORD;\*

**be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for  
the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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### **The Second Lesson – Colossians 1:21-29**

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. <sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among

the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

### **Verse of the Day – Colossians 2:6b-7a**

Alleluia. As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel – Luke 10:38-42**

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

### **Confession of Faith**

#### ***Apostle's 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; 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 Christian  
Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #366 (v. 1, 3, 5, 7)**  
***One Things Needful; Lord, This Treasure***

1. One thing's needful; Lord this treasure  
Teach me highly to regard;  
All else, though it first give pleasure,  
Is a yoke that presses hard.  
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,  
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.  
The gain of this one thing all loss can requite  
And teach me in all things to find true delight.
3. How were Mary's thoughts devoted,  
Her eternal joy to find  
As intent each word she noted,  
At her Savior's feet reclined!  
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,  
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!  
For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot,  
And all was repaid in that one happy lot.
5. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,  
Jesus, lies concealed in Thee;  
Grant that this may still the measure  
Of my will and actions be,  
Humility there and simplicity reigning,



In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.  
Oh, if I of Christ have this knowledge divine,  
The fulness of heavenly wisdom is mine.  
7. Therefore Thou alone, my Savior,  
Shalt be All in all to me;  
Search my heart and my behavior,  
Root out all hypocrisy.  
Restrain me from wandering on pathways unholy  
And through all life's pilgrimage keep my heart lowly.  
This one thing is needful, all others are vain;  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

### **Sermon Text – Colossians 1:21-29**

#### **Sermon**

#### ***The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed***

#### **Offertory**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Everlasting God, You have made known the mystery long hidden and revealed the glory of the Gospel of Christ in us. Bring us and all the saints through the changes of this mortal life, that we may be presented by Christ to You, as those

whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life.

**1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

P: Almighty God, we live in a land of great abundance, and we carry great responsibility for the good things of this nation. Bless all who make, judge and administer our laws, and guide our leaders to know Your ways and to follow them for the good of all people.

**2. "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

P: Heavenly Father, You made Paul a minister of Your Word. Abide with all pastors and those studying to be pastors, with missionaries and translators, and with teachers and all who work to bring Your Word to Your people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful.

**3. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!**

P: Compassionate Father, in Your mercy You behold all people in their needs, and by Your grace You supply all that we need for this body and life and for everlasting life. Hear us on behalf of the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying,

[especially \_\_\_\_\_,] and those we name in our hearts. Help them all to rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ, and give healing and grace according to Your will until You deliver Your people to everlasting life.

**4. "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

P: O Lord, one thing is necessary. Help us to treasure Your Word as a precious gift above all earthly things, and grant that it may never be taken away from us.

**5. "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."**

P: Merciful God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through **\*please stand\*** Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C ♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #370**

#### ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When every earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

## **Silent Prayer**

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