

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020

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GREETINGS

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And, also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Beloved of God, we know what God desires of us:
All people: *That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.*

Pastor: We gather this morning, knowing that the Holy Word of God, our songs, and prayers will gently remind us of this call, recorded in Micah, chapter 6, verse 8.

All people: *We gather to remember that NOW is always the right time to do these things.*

Pastor: So, with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God!

HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: *Sometimes, O God, we forget people – we forget that ALL people are created in your image. When we forget – we toss them aside: the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones that are hard to spend time with, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it's not really about other people, but about us. WE are uncomfortable, or we are afraid, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good, or we worry about what will maintain the status quo, or we worry about power and position. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven of our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly and genuinely. In Christ we pray. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, God has the whole world in God's hands. That means everyone – including you and me. God does not desert us in our sin - when our hearts need transforming. Therefore, when we face ourselves, one another, and God in repentance, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

All: *Thanks be to God! Through Christ we are forgiven! In the power of the Spirit we find strength to continue on - humbly in faith! Amen.*

HYMN

He Will Hold Me Fast

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Duo: Cathy Rentzel and Faye Schaeffer (Guitar)

(Please feel free to sing along - **especially the REFRAIN**)

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Corinthians 12:4-27 (NLT)

⁴There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

⁷A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice^[a]; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.^[b] ⁹The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages,^[c] while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

¹²The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles,^[d] some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.^[e]

¹⁴Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

¹⁸But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

²²In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. ²³And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, ²⁴while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. ²⁵This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. ²⁷All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

SERMON
ANTHEM

Ms. Carol Wagner

You Say (Lauren Daigle)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We pray through Christ who taught us to pray:

All: *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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

OFFERING INVITATION**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

All people: *Merciful Lord, you have provided each of us with many similar, yet unique gifts. Thank you, Lord, for the talents and abilities of people within this congregation. We are a blessed people! Now, we unite as one body to share in this worshipful act of the offering. Giving is such a joy-filled experience! Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to support the transformation of people's lives through the ministry and mission of this body of Christ. Amen.*

HYMN

I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SING

I'd like to build the world a home and furnish it with love.
Grow apple trees and honeybees and snow-white turtle doves.

I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony.
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once all standing hand in hand.
And hear them echo through the hills, for peace throughout the land.

That's the song I hear.
Let the world sing today -
A song of peace that echoes on and never goes away.
Put your hand in my hand, let's begin today.
Put your hand in my hand, help me find a way.

I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony.
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once all standing hand in hand.
And hear them echo through the hills for peace throughout the land.

BENEDICTION (Based on Romans 8:18-25)

Pastor: As you go from here into the week ahead -
with whatever joys and challenges it holds...
do not be discouraged or disheartened.
Live in hope.
Live as one body in Christ.
Be at peace, and care for one another
Suffer with one another and rejoice with one another.
Remember the Word of God
and proclaim good news of freedom to all!
The world is in God's hands.
The Lord will hold you fast.
May the blessing of Jesus Christ,
the presence of the Holy Spirit,
be with you and among you.

All: Amen.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words: Verses 1-2, Ada Habershon (1861-1918); Verse 3, Matt Merker

Music: Matt Merker

$\text{♩} = 56$

A A/C# D D E A A

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt - er
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre - cious in his
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been

would pre - vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold
 ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
 sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

D C# F#m F#m E A D D E

Through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me
 Prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

A Bm7 A/C# D E F#m F#m E/G# A

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 fast.
 last!

A Bm7 A/C# D D E A

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

African American Spiritual



...the little bitty baby...
 ...you and me brother (sister)...
 ...the sun and the moon...
 ...the wind and the rain...
 ...the mountains and the rivers...
 ...everybody here...

You Say

Lauren Daigle

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
 Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
 Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
 Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know, ooh oh
 You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
 You say I am strong when I think I am weak
 And You say I am held when I am falling short
 And when I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours
 And I believe (I), oh, I believe (I)
 What You say of me (I)
 I believe

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
 In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity, ooh oh
 You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
 You say I am strong when I think I am weak
 And You say I am held when I am falling short
 When I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours
 And I believe (I), oh, I believe (I)

What You say of me (I)
 Oh, I believe
 Taking all I have and now I'm layin' it at Your feet
 You'll have every failure God, You'll have every victory, ooh oh
 You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
 You say I am strong when I think I am weak
 You say I am held when I am falling short
 When I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours
 And I believe (I), oh, I believe (I)
 What You say of me (I)
 I believe
 Oh, I believe (I), yes, I believe (I)
 What You say of me (I)
 I believe (oh)



**American
Red Cross**

Mission Statement: The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

In April we will begin our second mission of 2020. This mission will support our local branch of the American Red Cross and will last from April through June.

Among many other valuable services, the Red Cross provides care kits to adults and children affected by disasters. These kits include, but are not limited to, sample/small size shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, razors, shaving cream, and slipper socks. Puzzle/activity books, including crayons and other writing tools, are also welcome for both children and adults. Monetary donations will also be graciously accepted.

All donations will be collected at Starview UCC and donated directly to our local branch of the American Red Cross.

Thank you for continuing to make a positive impact on our community.