

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the breezes of the Spirit calm our hearts
as we share God’s presence with the world.
May the peace of Christ pacify our engulfed minds
as we go to care for our neighbors.
The Holy One is our source of peace,
today and forevermore.

All people: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Acolyte

POSTLUDE

Mr. Kevin Crone

June 23, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PREWORSHIP MUSIC
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CANDLELIGHTING
PRELUDE

Mr. Kevin Crone
Rev. Laura C. Baker
Acolyte

CENTERING WORDS

Inhale the calming presence of God, then exhale the chaos wreaking havoc on your hearts. As Christ speaks, “Peace! Be still,” feel your spirit relax and release the tempest all around.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 9)

Pastor: Put your trust in God, who knows our names.
Congregation: The Holy One does not forsake those who seek God.
Pastor: **Be gracious to us, Holy One.**
Congregation: For you are the One who lifts us from the storm.
Pastor: We praise you in every time in space.
Congregation: We rejoice that your hand guides us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All people: Holy Breath of Life, we enter this space searching for sacred peace. May the winds of this hour be quiet and calming. May the waters of this day be as peaceful as a pond. May our hearts unfold like flowers and find the tranquility we desire. May we fill the air with sweet songs of joy. Amen.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal, #2

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Even though we profess to be God’s people, Scripture reminds us that we still sin. Therefore, we need to confess our failures, trusting that God freely forgives us, through God’s infinite goodness and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence and pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how or if those waves can ever be stilled. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and we wonder where you are. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: From the great fountain of salvation, find peace in God's grace. Even amidst the hardships and storms of life, God's love carries us to safe harbors. Receive the unconditional love of God with hearts filled with joy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

Blue Hymnal, #35

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: Like Christ, who says, "Peace!" in the middle of the storm, may our greetings bring peace to the spirits of our neighbors – friends and strangers. Reach out and offer another the Peace of Christ saying: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And peace be with you.

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"

HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

Blue Hymnal, #566

HEBREW READING

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

God is so Good (Wagner)

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: God's boundless generosity transcends the limits of this world and nudges us to fill our land with blessing. Through our energy, time, talents, and treasures, we usher God's peace into a world filled with storms and obstacles. Please rise, as you are able to do comfortably, as we offer our blessings with a song and prayer.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God

Blue Hymnal, #46

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: We are always rejoicing, Holy One, for your many gifts in our lives. Even when we have nothing, you make us feel as if we have everything. May these gifts usher peace into our world, that all may know of your love and touch your grace. Amen.

HYMN

It is Well, with My Soul

Blue Hymnal, #561