A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 2023
10:00 am

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING...

The Prelude

Air

Gordon Young

The Welcome and Announcements

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Introit

Seek Ye First (#175)

(Choir followed by Congregation)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu! Alleluia!

The Call To Worship

God blesses us with ancestors in the faith,
and also blesses us with descendants yet to come.

God's throne endures forever;
God's promises never fail.

God's name is blessed in every generation.

The people will praise God forever and ever!

The Prayer of Adoration

Holy and almighty God, we praise you for your steadfast love and faithfulness. In all generations you have kept covenant with us. We are your grateful people, living by your Word, refreshed by your grace. We praise you for mercies unending and justice enacted. Our gratitude never comes to an end. You are the name above every name! Amen.

*The Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne,
while all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

*The Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts, cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With reverent and humble hearts, may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength...silent prayer...Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: Through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
*The Gloria Patri

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 Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!
(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Bryan Hastings Dunn

Parents: Durward Dunn and Angela Gray; Sibling: Jack Dunn

Baptismal Hymn 486  
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love’s expression, love’s creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God’s you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ’s name.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God’s call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 45:10-17

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

The Anthem  
Just a Closer Walk With Thee  
Ed Lojeski, arr.

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong.
I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk, close to Thee.
Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, Dear Lord, none but Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea!
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, Dear Lord, let it be.
When the journey here is o’er, Time for me will be no more.
Guide me to Thy distant shore, to Thy shore, Oh Dear Lord, to Thy shore.
Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea!
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, Dear Lord, let it be.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:16-19


The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon  
Go: Toward the Next Generation  
Kim Clayton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD . . .

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Declaration of Faith

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and
culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcome of New Member  Olivia Tumanjong

Congregational response
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into this community of faith. Grateful for the gifts you bring, we offer our prayers and support as we journey in faith together.

The Prayers of the People
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 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.

Tithes and Offerings Presented

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME

*The Hymn 547
Go, My Children, with My Blessing
“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude  
Trumpet Gigue  Gordon Young

Today’s Worship Leaders:
Preacher: Kim Clayton
Liturgists: Alex Fino, Brittany Harvey
Choirmasters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk

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