

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2020

**REFLECTION:** Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. – Psalm 119:135

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Let the sun and moon and stars praise the Lord!

**People: Let the heavens praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let us praise the Name of the Lord,

**People: Whose glory is over all!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past #117**

**\*OPENING PRAYER: Almighty God, who has called all things into being and whose will is directed to our good: Do not look upon our wickedness; draw away our weakness from sin and guide us to do that which is pleasing in your sight, that we may live eternally with you; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives forever. Amen.**

**HOLY SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household; <sup>4</sup>and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs in the evening. <sup>7</sup>Then they shall take

some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning, anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance forever.

**MESSAGE:** Rev. Wissell

**\*HYMN: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent #626**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

As concerns and celebrations are shared the Pastor offers a Bidding Prayer ending with the words, “God, in your mercy” to which the congregation may respond by saying “Hear our prayer” after which all will pray responsively the following:

**In peace, we pray to you, O God.**

#### *Silence*

For all people, in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors,  
and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear,  
injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick,  
the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel  
and all who seek the truth.**

For our Bishop, Pastors, Deacons and Laity.

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation. Forgive us our sin and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.**

#### MISSION MOMENT

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER: With great joy, we present these tithes and gifts for the ministry of this church. Be with each of us as we, too, commit ourselves to lives of joyful, thankful service. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord’s Prayer  
Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer After the Receiving of Holy Communion  
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: Ye Servants of God**

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**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**CHURCH PRAYER LIST:**

John Ferris, Tuckerman Ferris, Brian Funchion, Bob Gabrielski, Kris Haboran, Barbara Henning, Kim Henning, Dawn Knipple, Marge McClelland.

**117. O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

**626. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

**181. Ye Servants of God**

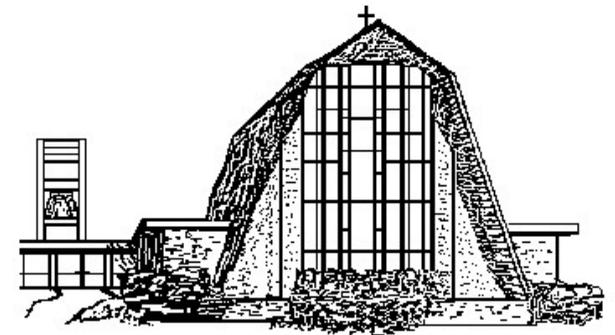
1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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