



## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

8:30 a.m.

### PRELUDE

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Brief Silence)*

**P** Most merciful God,

**A** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**A** **Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A** **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

God of long winters and longer summers, do your best to come to us quickly. Come to us with loud praise and joy, or appear to us in a still, small voice. Come to us through friends, or come to us through strangers. Come to us in this hour of worship, and come to us quickly if you can. We are always seeking you. With grateful hearts cracked open by love, we pray.

**A** **Amen.**

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

“The Wisdom, Riches, and Knowledge of God”

Robert Powell

*O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

## FIRST READING

Job 2:11-13

Today’s first reading is from the book of Job:

<sup>11</sup>Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home — Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. <sup>12</sup>When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. <sup>13</sup>They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

**P** Word of God. Word of life.

**AU** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:9-18

Today’s second reading is from the second book of Timothy:

<sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. <sup>12</sup>I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. <sup>15</sup>You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## SERMON

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Deep River”

African American Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A** Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

*(Brief Silence)*

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

**A** **Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**A** **And also with you.**

## COMMUNION LITURGY FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

**P** The Lord be with you.

**A** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**A** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love. . .

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**A** **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**P** Holy Mystery, God, Creator, Savior, Spirit. . .

. . . all glory is yours, God most holy,  
now and forever.

**A** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

**A** Thank you, Gracious God, for this feast of life.

In it, we are fed by your love;  
we are strengthened by your life;  
we are sent forth into the world to live into God's mission  
to feed as we have been fed,  
to forgive as we have been forgiven,  
to love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

**P** Beloved of God, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—  
Love itself,

**All Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN (*all sing – masked*)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Hymn **656**  
Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**AI** **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Fanfare from the Sixth Concerto for Two Organs

Antonio Soler

*Soler (1729-1783) was a Catalan composer whose works span the Baroque and Classical eras. Having entered El Escorial Monastery (Madrid) at the age of 23, he became associated with the Spanish Royal Court, composing hundreds of pieces and serving as musical tutor for the Infante Don Gabriel, son of King Carlos III.*

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