



Order of Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

Call to worship (*John 15:5*)

I am the vine, Jesus said.

We are the branches.

Those who abide in Christ and who Christ abides in are here

We desire to bear much fruit.

Apart from me you can do nothing, Jesus said.

We want to do our part and do something

Let us worship God.

Call to confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of confession (*Psalm 51:10-13*)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future where we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

Help us hear you in the silence. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen



Assurance of pardon (*John 13:34*)

Hear the teaching of Christ: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love another."
In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Amen.

Prayer for illumination

Open us that we may hear you. Silence any voice in us but your own so that we may clearly hear you and what you are calling us to do.

Scripture readings

Sermon

Affirmation of faith (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
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.

Call for the offering

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever.



Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer:

Gracious God, you are bigger than big, larger than large and more awesome than awesome can describe. We gather to give you thanks for your presence in our lives and for your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. We gather to thank you for each of our stages of life to which we can liken to that of a flower.

God, some of us are like the seed in need of automatic transformation, not knowing what we are to become but knowing and trusting you and your infinite wisdom, believing that we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

God, some of us are still caught up in acknowledging that we must go through a little dirt. There, in the dirt of environments and society and, even Lord, in your church, we grow and receive nutrients from the dirt.

We expand and grow developing stems, and leaves that help provide nutrients for our growth. Lord, we promise to become beautiful blooms that continue to grow while producing pollen. May our pollen be our way of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ in places that only the vast wind of the Holy Spirit can carry us. Let us spread the good news in places that will germinate new seeds for growth.

O God, let our bloom produce a scent that attracts others. Let our scent be our testimony to tell of your saving grace through the love of Jesus Christ. Lord, we know a scent will remain long after a bloom has been removed.

Gracious god, we know that flowers are picked for their beauty and placed in places that are not their natural habitat. Help us, O God, when we are picked to continue to be as beautiful as we can, for as long as we can in places that need the beauty of your presence.

O Great God, we are grateful for you, your love, your Holy Spirit and your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray say, **"Our Father ..."**.



Charge and benediction (*From the Book of Common Worship*)

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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