



7th Sunday Of Pentecost In ordinary time June 30, 2024

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.

- Saint Augustine of Hippo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

Katy Kristoffersen

Tim Spangler

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PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today as those God always has in mind and holds heart-center.

People: We know God through Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God always with us.

Leader: We can celebrate God's Presence with us in every aspect of our lives.

People: We praise the God who has blessed us with breath and life, with joy and fullness.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

Welcoming Song*	When the Morning Stars Together	(Albert F. Bayly, words; Tochter Sion, 1741)
Hymn No. 645	All Verses	Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Holy God, from your mind sprung the idea of our lives. From your hands we were formed. By your breath we have life. We give you thanks for the vision you have for our lives. We praise you for your plans to bring us a future with hope. Help us to stay open to that future. Forgive the fear that often clouds our thinking. Keep us focused on your light that darkness cannot overcome. Grow our trust in your life that defeats death. May we celebrate that life as we walk each day with Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for,

"Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:	The God of Second Chances (David Haas)	UCSJ Choir
Come	now, O God of second chances;	Come now, O come now, O God	
Open our lives to heal.		Shake our resentment;	
Remove our hate, and melt our rage.		Open our way to choose	
Save a	us from ourselves.	The way of love over revenge.	
		Show us a new way.	
Come	now, O God, release our demons;	Come now, O come now, O God,	
Open	our eyes to see	And grant compassion;	

Come now, O God, and still our anger; Open our minds to peace. Embrace our fear, and hold us close. Calm the storm within.

The shame within, our guilt and pain.

Mend us; make us whole.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:21-29

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"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Open our hearts to love,

May we forgive ourselves,

Children of God's love.

Help us to move on.

May we let go of all our hurt.

Come now, O God of second chances;

May we become your living sign;

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock, The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Holding Heart in Mind	Pastor Melinda Veatch		
Responsive Song*	Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord (William H. Foulkes, words; Calven Weiss Laufer, music)			
Hymn No. 455	VERSES 1, 3, and 4	Congregation		
Responding to God's Grace with our Tithes and Offerings				
Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.				
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Pastor Melinda Veatch		
Doxology*	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.			
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Tim Spangler and Pastor Melinda Veatch			
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 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				
CLOSING SONG* The	SING SONG* The Church of Christ in Every Age (Fred Pratt Green, words; William Knapp, music)			
Hymn No. 623	Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5	Congregation		
CLOSING PRAYER		Tim Spangler		
Holy God, you call us to lives that extend beyond ourselves. Inspire our minds as we engage with others. Keep us focused on serving you, and help us to carry and share your love as we keep walking through this hurting world. Amen.				
Postlude	Instrumental Music	Katy Kristoffersen		
CHARGE AND BLESSING		Pastor Melinda Veatch		

OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH

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