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" . . . knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5)

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14th, 2020

Service broadcast to be watched at home

The Ven. Christopher Dunn

The Rev. Simone Hurkmans

The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty

Music: Edith Troup

Children and Youth: Barbara Robertson

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather today on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

People: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Hymn: **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service** CP#585

**Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.**

**As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

Celebrant: Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

People: Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,

Celebrant: to be forgiven and to forgive, to be freed from sin and to set others free, to tell one another and the world:

People: God's presence is at hand. Let us worship God.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: God of the prophets and apostles,

People: your Son commissioned the twelve disciples to proclaim good news. Send us into your world to proclaim your kingdom, heal the sick, resist evil and bring the exile home; in the name of Christ who calls us all. Amen.

The First Reading is from Genesis (18:1-15, 21:1-7)

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At

the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." . . . The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

(Read by all)

I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication, who has listened to me whenever I called . . . How shall I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people. Precious in your sight, O Lord is the death of your servants. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people of God. In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading is from Romans (5:1-8)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For

while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: To Abraham and Sarah

CP#468

**To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear:
“Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word:
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.”**

**From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace.
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word,
“That you shall be my people
and I will be your God.”**

**We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word,
“That you shall be my people
and I will be your God.”**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (9:35-10:23)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

**Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in God:
**All: who is older than eternity and younger than our
next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows
us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be
contained by religion.**

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of
our bone;
**All: He came in the body to give worth to every human
life. He touched the untouchable, loved the
unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured
slander, persecution and death in order that
through suffering love God's kingdom might come
on earth.**

He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should make a priority of justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations.

Celebrant: We celebrate the potential of the Church,

All: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

Prayers of the People

(prepared by Aaron Leach)

One: As we gather today in a world seemingly cast in suffering, let us put our faith in Christ saying, our Lord and our shepherd,

All: hear our prayer.

One: With needed endurance we pray for all people of the earth. You placed Adam and Eve in your Eden to live together in happiness and mutual caring. Bring your peace, justice, and compassion to every household, village, and nation. Bind up the wounds of racial hatred; break the bows of poverty, disease, and hunger; speak your "Be still!" to wars of religion and ideology. Our Lord and our shepherd,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In this time of uncertainty, we turn to your teachings and to the guidance of strong characters in our greater Christian community. We pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; and Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy. Give strength and guidance to Adam as he moves on to the next chapter in his spiritual journey and give rest to Chris as he begins his sabbatical. May we also pray for Brian, the

pastor of First United Church, with whom we share this building. Our Lord and our shepherd,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for Earth and all creatures and plants; for healthy water and air and soil; for policies and laws that regard our home in God's universe as a precious gift. God of all goodness, our Lord and our shepherd,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for all those in need, the suffering, the oppressed, and the ill. Remembering especially those who have requested our prayers:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Ken** (Poisson); **Marie** (Deruga); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Heather** (Russell); **Phillip** (Turtle); **Stephen** (Walton); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Edward** (Hutchinson); **Trish** (Rowlands); **Carran** (Taylor); **Samantha** (Wood); **Sylvia** (Pierce); **Mykie** (Bradley); **Ruth** (MacDonald); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Doug** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Deirdre** (Piper)

One: and others we name, silently or aloud our Lord and our shepherd,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Loving God, embrace the souls of those who have died, remembering especially Mary Ellen Lyon, friend of Helen Norman and Olwyn School; . . . and others we name silently or aloud May their faith in you offer comfort. Our Lord and our shepherd,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Giver of hope, we cannot dream what you see; we cannot imagine what you can do. Help us to be patient and faithful as we look forward to the new life and give us the assurance to embrace your commission and the strength to walk in your ways. We ask this in your name.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,
People: **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,
People: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Live without fear, God is with us.
People: **We will live in the peace of Christ. We will live in the hope of the Spirit.**

Celebrant: And the blessing

Hymn: **Crown Him with Many Crowns** CP#378

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Credits:

Opening and Closing Prayers from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A

Collect from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

Psalm from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Affirmation of Faith from A Wee Worship Book, Fifth Edition

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

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Readings for Next Sunday, June 21st, 2020

Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 19;

Philippians 4:4-9; John 1:1-18

Please pray this week for:

- all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- those worshipping and ministering at
 - St. Alban the Martyr, Mattawa;
 - St. Margaret of Scotland, Rutherglen; and
 - St. Alban the Martyr, Ottawa;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Evelyn Heeney, Mary Bradley, Kay Findlay, and Dorothy Adams; and
- the GranAid Program and its support of Fikelala in the Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Patricia Bays, Julie Newlands, Eric Bays
Intercessor: Aaron Leach



“Rest yourselves under the tree” – Genesis 18

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