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June 6, 2021
3rd Sunday of Pentecost

REFLECTION

Celebrating Jesus Christ, the Great Healer

Sin not only breaks a law
but it also tears the fragile fabric
of our humanness and puts us in pain—
Pain of broken bodies and broken spirits.
But thanks be to God for sending his Son
into the world to mend what is broken!

By restoring us to himself,
to ourselves, and to one another,
God has begun to heal us, body and soul.
Trusting the Lord's goodness,
and knowing him as salve for our wounds,
we long for everything injured in us to be put right—
partially now, fully in the life of the world to come. Alleluia!

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THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn Come, Christian Join to Sing

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Call to Worship Psalm 103:1-5, 95:6

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Invocation

Praise Hymn

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus:

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Chorus

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

Chorus

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joi - ce;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 147:1–11

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Confession of Sin

O God our Father, we come humbly to confess
how feeble is our confidence that you will fulfill your good purposes for us.

We are frail, and trouble snaps our faith like a twig.
Loss or sickness, or the thwarting of our plans,
is like a cry in our ear that we have no Father in heaven.
Forgive us we pray, for each time we have believed it.

O Lord may we remember; may we remember that in your great power,
you exiled your Son for his protection,
and then called him out of Egypt for our salvation.
And as you ordered events then, and rescued the infant Son of your love,
so the same hidden Providence has rescued us
again and again, in our own times of danger.

O Lord remind us, that until your good purposes for us are fulfilled,
we are immortal on the earth; and that even when we die
our spirit shall be in your presence, waiting with unspeakable joy
to follow Christ in his resurrection.

We renounce our unbelieving hearts and complaining spirits.
Hear our confession and cancel our guilt,
by the perfect life and sacrificial death of him who was tempted to doubt your goodness,
but never gave in – Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Confession

Absolution Psalms 41:11–13

By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But
you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and
Amen.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 • praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Gospel Lesson

Romans 8:18–25

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became, Perfect Man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin, By His death I live again

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Sermon Text

Revelation 2:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The dangers of a love grown cold | Pastor Tom Hudson

Response Hymn

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? - **We do**

Do you feel the shadows deepen? - **We do**

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

We do

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? - **We do**

Is all creation groaning? - It is

Is a new creation coming? - It is

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?- It is

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? - It is

Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

***Is He worthy, Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? - He is***

Does the Father truly love us? - **He does**
Does the Spirit move among us? - **He does**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? - **He does**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? - **He does**

***Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy, Is He worthy
Is He worthy of this? – He is***

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Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
Amen.

*that is, the universal church

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine. Wine is in the inner rings of the tray; juice is in the outer ring. The communion bread is gluten free.

Communion Hymn How Sweet and Awesome is the Place (vs 1-4)

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn How Sweet and Awesome is the Place (vs 5-6)

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs
 3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
 and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
 constrain the earth to come;
 send your victorious Word abroad,
 and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
 that all the chosen race
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,
 sing your redeeming grace.

Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

REFLECTION

The Church as Hospital

No better definition of the church's work can be found than the one God gave to 6th century B.C. Israel when he promised to give her a leader who would do the opposite of what spiritual leaders are supposed to do. God did this to chastise his people for their disobedience:

I am going to raise up a shepherd over the land who will NOT care for the lost, or seek the young, or heal the injured or feed the healthy.... (Zechariah 11:16)

A church that is not a hospital, letting God make it one through Christ's work of "healing the injured," is a disobedient church. The church is a hospital when it prays for physical and emotional healing for its people; it is a hospital when it organizes care and support for the physically injured, disabled, or diseased—both in the church and outside it, as we are able.

But it is also a hospital when it invites people to look to Jesus Christ for deep healing of emotional wounds that have gotten inflicted one way or another: through childhood abuse, or divorce, or war, or the trauma of great loss, or any number of other ways that sin or the effects of sin wound and scar us. And make no mistake: all of us are among the walking wounded. That's the Bible's teaching.

[If we] promote Christ's power to heal men and women from the brokenness of pornography addiction and from homosexuality, will people struggling with same-gender attraction feel welcome [in our] church? They will... if they see and hear us acknowledging that we are all wounded and broken in some ways. Before the face of God all of us are morally and spiritually sick. That's the havoc—and the pain—that sin unleashed on the world.

But we have a gospel—"good news"—that sets before a hurting world a Savior who is also a Healer. "Dealing with sin" is not only a matter of coming to Christ to have its guilt atoned for; it also means coming to him so that sin's wounds—inflicted by others and self-inflicted—might be healed.

– Ron Lutjens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group – Meets tonight, June 6, 5:30-7pm at the Touchton's (165 Forest Road) for a picnic and inductive Bible study and community building time.

Women's Bible Study – Please RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org. We will be meeting on the following Saturdays: June 19, July 10, July 24, Aug 14, Aug 28, Sept 11, Sept 25 from 9:00-10:30 AM.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting – 7-7:50pm. Regular prayer for each other, our community, our world and the redemptive work of God is essential to our mission. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 | Passcode: 665297

Summer VBS and BBQ with Christ Pres in the Hill – Save the date to participate with our sister congregation in their outreach to their neighborhood on Saturday, July 24 (for VBS) and Wednesday, August 4 (for BBQ).

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