

**Sunday, August 2nd, 2020**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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*“Love’s Calculus”*

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# Liturgy for Sunday, August 2nd, 2020

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**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** *“See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.” - Isaiah 55:5*

### Ringling of the Church Bell

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)  
God meets us in our greatest need  
and satisfies us with divine presence  
and provision.

**In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God. Amen.**

### Prelude

#### \* Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

## Events and Other News:

WOW (Women of Worship) will be on hiatus until September.

Our **Book Club** will be reading Jan Karon's *“Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good”* for the **September 8th** Meeting. It's a soothing and encouraging read about Father Tim, his family, and his beloved Mitford community.

### Monday-Friday, August 3-7—White Marlin Tournament

The White Marlin Tournament is being held this year with reduced public events. We will need volunteers to manage parking space rentals in three shifts from 3-5, 5-7, and 7-9 this week. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

### Tuesday, August 11—

Deacons' Meeting—3:00 pm

Session Meeting—7:00 pm

### Saturday/Sunday, August 15 - 16—OC Air Show

The Ocean City Air Show is going forward on August 15th and 16th. We need volunteers to man the parking lot on the 15th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on the 16th from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. There is a sign up sheet for Air Show parking volunteers on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you so much!

### Saturday, September 5th—Rummage Sale

### Collection Plate

A reminder that, until we can resume our normal worship routines, our collection plate is situated on the small table in the center rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

### Directory Updates/Corrections:

*No updates this week.*

Jesus, never losing trust  
knew that his disciples must  
be challenged until they  
could do nothing except pray:  
5 loaves+2 fish="not enough"  
no one said it would be this  
tough  
then Jesus said: it doesn't  
have to be  
bring them here to me

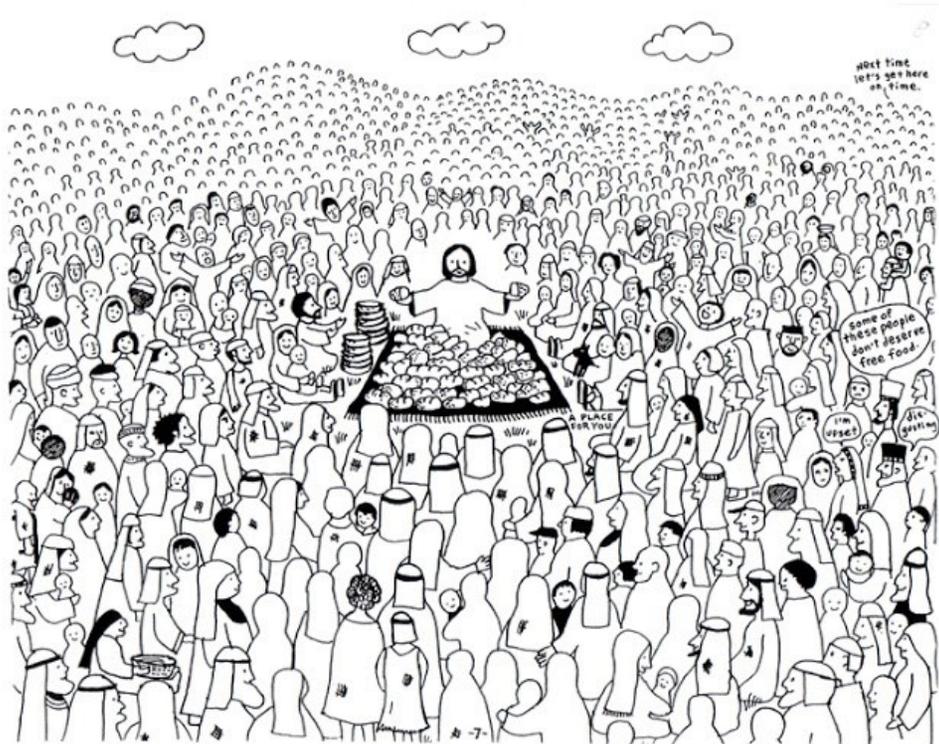
Sit down, and watch how I

Take "not enough" and multiply  
 $5+2=7$   
but you forgot to look to heaven.

Looking up, he said: Baruch atah  
Adoni

Bless the Lord who does supply  
daily faith for those who lack it  
like 12 disciples each with a  
basket.

~ Nathan Hoff



4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of justice and mercy,  
we admit that we are not always free of deceit.  
We are fooled by the false promises of the world  
into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us.  
Hear our cry and save us, dear God,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

Here is good news for everyone:  
God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love,  
and gives us forgiveness and grace.  
**We do not have to earn it with sacrifice  
because it is a free gift from a generous God! Thanks be to God!**

### \* **Gloria Patri** (unison)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in  
the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

### **Prayer for Illumination** (unison)

**Providing God,  
by your Holy Spirit  
feed us with your Word,  
that we might be filled  
with the bread of life. Amen.**

### \* **Doxology** (unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here  
below. Praise him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.**

## 1st Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44 [NIV]

Elder Mabel Rogers

42 A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

43 "How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked. But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" 44 Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord.

## 2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 1-21 [NIV]

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14 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus, 2 and he said to his attendants, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

3 Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, 4 for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her." 5 Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered John a prophet.

6 On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for the guests and pleased Herod so much 7 that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. 8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist." 9 The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted 10 and had John beheaded in the prison. 11 His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother. 12 John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

## Flower Dedications:

Chancel Vase Flowers are given:

~ In honor of my husband, Rich Wright and the celebration of his 85th birthday today. We are blessed. ~ *Love, Nancy*

~ To the glory of God and with love to our daughter Robin Wright Quinn, as she begins a new chapter in her life. God is faithful and opens doors. ~ *Love, Mom and Dad*

~ A basket of flowers is placed in praise of God and in honor of Pastor Dan and the celebration of his birthday on the 8th. Your flock is grateful that you are our faithful shepherd.

**Chancel vases are open:** August 30th (1 vase)

## Birthdays:

Rich Wright (8/1); Nancy Wright (8/4); and Dan McKenty (8/8)

## Current Prayer Concerns:





## We are Live Streaming our Worship!

With the acquisition of new equipment and a bit of learning, we are now live streaming our Worship Service each Sunday morning. If you (or those you know) feel it's best to stay home, you will find our Live Stream on both Facebook and on our church website.

Our streaming will begin a few minutes before our 10:30 start time.

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18 "Bring them here to me," he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Time with Children and Youth**  
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**Sermon: "Love's Calculus"**  
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### \* Hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my All in all!

3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above;  
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

4 O send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me,  
that he may touch my eyes and make me see.  
Show me the truth made plain within your Word,  
for in your book revealed I see you, Lord.

**\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed** (unison)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (responsive)

Compassionate God, you are good to all.

Help us to trust in you  
and to share what we have  
with a hungry world.

We pray for your church universal,  
that our relations with other religions,  
may be respectful and abounding in steadfast love.

Enable us to join with people of all faiths  
to work for the well-being of all your children.

**Jesus said, "They need not go away;  
you give them something to eat."**

We pray for the earth  
and all the creatures who look to you  
for their food in due season.  
May we do our part  
in restoring the balance of your creation  
and deepen our commitment to follow Jesus  
in ministries that feed and serve others.

**Jesus said, "They need not go away;  
you give them something to eat."**

We pray for all the people of the world,  
for their ethnic groups, nations, and leaders,  
that wars will cease,  
that the hungry will be fed, and  
that refugees will return home in safety and peace.

**Jesus said, "They need not go away;  
you give them something to eat."**

We pray for all those who suffer from emotional and physical illness that they may find peace and be comforted. Specifically, we pray for ....

**Jesus said, "They need not go away;  
you give them something to eat."**

Gracious and merciful God, abounding  
in steadfast love, we join our voices with all that you have made  
in speaking your praises and blessing your name,  
for, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,  
you are just in all your ways and kind  
in all your doings. **Amen.**

Let us now pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\* Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"**

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to the truth may we be found.

**Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**