

Sunday, July 18th, 2021
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM



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"Into the Suffering"

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Liturgy for Sunday, July 18th, 2021

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "It is only because He became like us that we can become like Him." ~ *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Ringling of the Church Bell
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 23 (responsive)

Cassidy Khatcherian

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;**

For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

Forever. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Jesus is Lord of All"

*** Hymn: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" # 424**

*** Passing the Peace**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.

We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless

Current Prayer Concerns:

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those whom were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Hearing Assistance

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.

Directory Updates: *No updates this week.*

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Mon, July 19th	CRU Meeting	6:30 PM
Tues, July 20th	Pack Breakfasts	3:00 PM
Wed, July 21st	Hand-Out Breakfasts	7:00 AM
Wed, July 21st	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Thu, July 22nd	CRU Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri, July 23rd	CRU Meeting	7:00 PM
Sat, July 24th	Sligo-by-the-Sea	9:00 AM

Birthdays: Lou LaBrunda (the son) 7/21, Paul Simacek & Diane Ayres (7/23)

Flowers:

~ In loving memory of Ruthie Eicher, Nancy's cousin celebrating her July 22nd birthday in Heaven. There are many smiles when we think of all the fun times we shared. ~ *Rich and Nancy Wright*

~ In remembrance of our mother and grandmother, Ellen Hays, as she celebrates her first birthday with her Lord on July 20th. Greatly loved, greatly missed. ~ *The Hays Family*

**** Both Chancel Vases are OPEN for dedications for next Sunday's Service on 7/25 . Please reach out to Marty Cropper at benzgrammyinoc@yahoo.com to offer your dedication for one or both vases. Thank you! ****

International Student Breakfasts—UPDATE

Due to lack of response (and greatly diminished student numbers), our Wednesday Student Breakfast events have been cancelled.

whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Lord, have mercy. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace.

**Our Master's touch heals us,
and his shed blood is our salvation.**

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

* 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Unless God builds the house, those who build labor in vain.

God gives rest to the weary and sleep for his beloved.

Let us present offerings of thanksgiving, without fear or anxiety about anything, for God provides for us.

* 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

Prayer of Dedication

God of green pastures and still waters, bless these gifts that we have been given that they may become part of your banquet for the world. Amen.

Choral Anthem: "Praise the Lord, the King of Glory"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy Spirit,

come and dwell in us.

Place Jesus Christ in us so that he is the cornerstone

holding us together

and making us a sacred place

where steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2: 11-22 [NRSV]

Evan Rogers

2:11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" --a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands-- 2:12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 2:14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 2:15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 2:16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 2:17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 2:18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Short Summer Bible Study Series . . .

Pastor Dan is offering a short summer series Brown Bag Bible Study. The series will run on **Thursdays August 5th, 12th and 19th at 12:30**

by Zoom. The title of the series is

"Judas Iscariot – A Second Look." We

will take an in-depth look at the

most reviled

person in biblical

history and will examine and discuss Judas the

person, his relationship to Jesus and his role in

God's history of salvation. We will examine several of the leading theories regarding Judas' betrayal of

Jesus and how that

betrayal reflects

and impacts our

own relationships

with Jesus, Satan

and God. The

series is very light

reading with an

emphasis on questioning, debating and discussing.

The series promises to be interesting, exciting and

fun. Anyone interested should put their name and

email address on the sign up sheet on the table in

the back of the sanctuary.



“If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking”

~ Emily Dickinson ~

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.



An American Poet—Emily Dickinson circa 1850

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 [NRSV]

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6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 6:31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 6:32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 6:33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 6:34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

6:53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 6:54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 6:55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 6:56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: “Into the Suffering”

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* Hymn “There is a Balm in Gilead” # 423

* Affirmation of Faith (unison) - taken from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and 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. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

God of Jesus Christ and our God,
we are no longer strangers and aliens,
but citizens with the saints of the commonwealth
of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.
**In Christ we are joined together as a dwelling place
for God.**

We pray for those who have been called or
elected as leaders, that they may be guided by your voice and by
the voices of their people.

**In Christ we are joined together as a dwelling place
for God.**

We pray for the pastors and teachers of the church,
that they may faithfully tend and not scatter those
entrusted to them.

**In Christ we are joined together as a dwelling place
for God.**

We pray for those who are poor and in need of assistance, and for
ourselves that we may tenderly care for them.

**In Christ we are joined together as a dwelling place
for God.**

We pray for the victims of war and other forms of violence, that
we may be good news for them both in word and in deed.

**In Christ we are joined together as a dwelling place
for God.**

We pray for the sick and infirm and those who are
spiritually hungry, that we may be a message of compassion.
**In Christ we are joined together as a dwelling place
for God.** And we pray for ...

Good Shepherd, Lord of Righteousness,
bring us together through the cross of Christ
and break down the dividing walls between us.

Be our peace,
and by your Holy Spirit

renew our citizenship in your kingdom. All of these prayers and
petitions we bind together in the strong name of your Son, our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who taught us to pray to you by
saying, **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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 286

Charge

Benediction

Postlude "God Be With You"

