

Memorial Weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

May 29, 2016

Scriptural Meditation

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. In order to set us free from this present evil age, Christ gave himself for our sins, in obedience to the will of our God and Father. To God be the glory forever and ever! Amen. Galatians 1:3-5

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude Meditation on 'Holy Manna' arr. by Dale Wood

Call to Worship

One: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.
All: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.
One: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.
All: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.
One: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.
All: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

\* Gathering Song God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens # 24

Prayer of Reconciliation

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.
All: God of every nation, on this Memorial Day weekend we remember those that gave their life for our sake. Let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

\*A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God's love is unconditional, it is steadfast, and it is good.
Know that you are forgiven, nurtured, and cherished always.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri # 581

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.

Tune: Gloria Patri, Henry W. Greatorex, 1851, Public Domain.

God's Word for Little Ears

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson I Kings 18:20-39 page 325

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading Psalm 96

One: Sing a new song to the Lord!
Sing to the Lord, all the world!
All: Sing to the Lord, and praise him!
Proclaim every day the good news that he has saved us.
One: Proclaim his glory to the nations, his mighty deeds to all peoples.
All: The Lord is great and is to be highly praised;
he is to be honored more than all the gods.
One: The gods of all other nations are only idols,
but the Lord created the heavens.
All: Glory and majesty surround him;
power and beauty fill his Temple.
One: Praise the Lord, all people on earth; praise his glory and might.
All: Praise the Lord's glorious name;
bring an offering and come into his Temple.
One: Bow down before the Holy One when he appears,
tremble before him, all the earth!
All: Say to all the nations, "The Lord is king!
The earth is set firmly in place and cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with justice."
One: Be glad, earth and sky!
All: Roar, sea, and every creature in you;
be glad, fields, and everything in you!
One: The trees in the woods will shout for joy
when the Lord comes to rule the earth.
All: He will rule the peoples of the world
with justice and fairness.

New Testament Epistle Galatians 1:1-12 page 187

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 7:1-10 page 65

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**Message**

*Uncompromising Faith*

Pastor Kim Nelson

**~Responding to God's Word~**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Let us stand and affirm our faith.*

**All: 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.** [The Apostles Creed]

**Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad**

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.*

**Offertory**

*The Prayer*

by C. B. Sager & D. Foster

**\*Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host,**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: A-men.**

*Tune: Old Hundredth LM, Genevan Psalter 1551, Public Domain.*

**Litany for Memorial Day**

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend,  
We remember and give thanks  
For those who have given their lives  
In service of our country.

**All: We remember and give thanks.**

When the need was greatest,  
They stepped forward and did their duty  
To defend the freedoms that we enjoy,  
And to win the same for others.

**All: We remember and give thanks.**

O God, you yourself have taught us  
That no love is greater than that  
Which gives itself for another.

**All: We remember and give thanks.**

These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had,  
Life itself, for loved ones and neighbors,  
For comrades and country—and for us.

**All: We remember and give thanks.**

Help us to honor their memory  
By caring for the family members  
They have left behind,  
By ensuring that their wounded comrades  
Are properly cared for,  
By being watchful caretakers of the freedoms  
For which they gave their lives.

**All: We remember and give thanks.**

Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free.  
There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear.  
Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price  
To ensure that freedom would be their legacy.

**All: We remember and give thanks.**

Though their names may fade with the passing of generations,  
May we never forget what they have done.

**All: We remember and give thanks.**

Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice, O God.

**All: O God, help us to be worthy. Amen.**

*Adapted from Worship Ways, Vol. 7, No. 3, Rev. John Gundlach, UCC minister*

**Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

**~Going Forth to Serve God~**

**Life in Our Church Community**

**\*Song of Sending Forth** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* # 331

**\*Benediction**

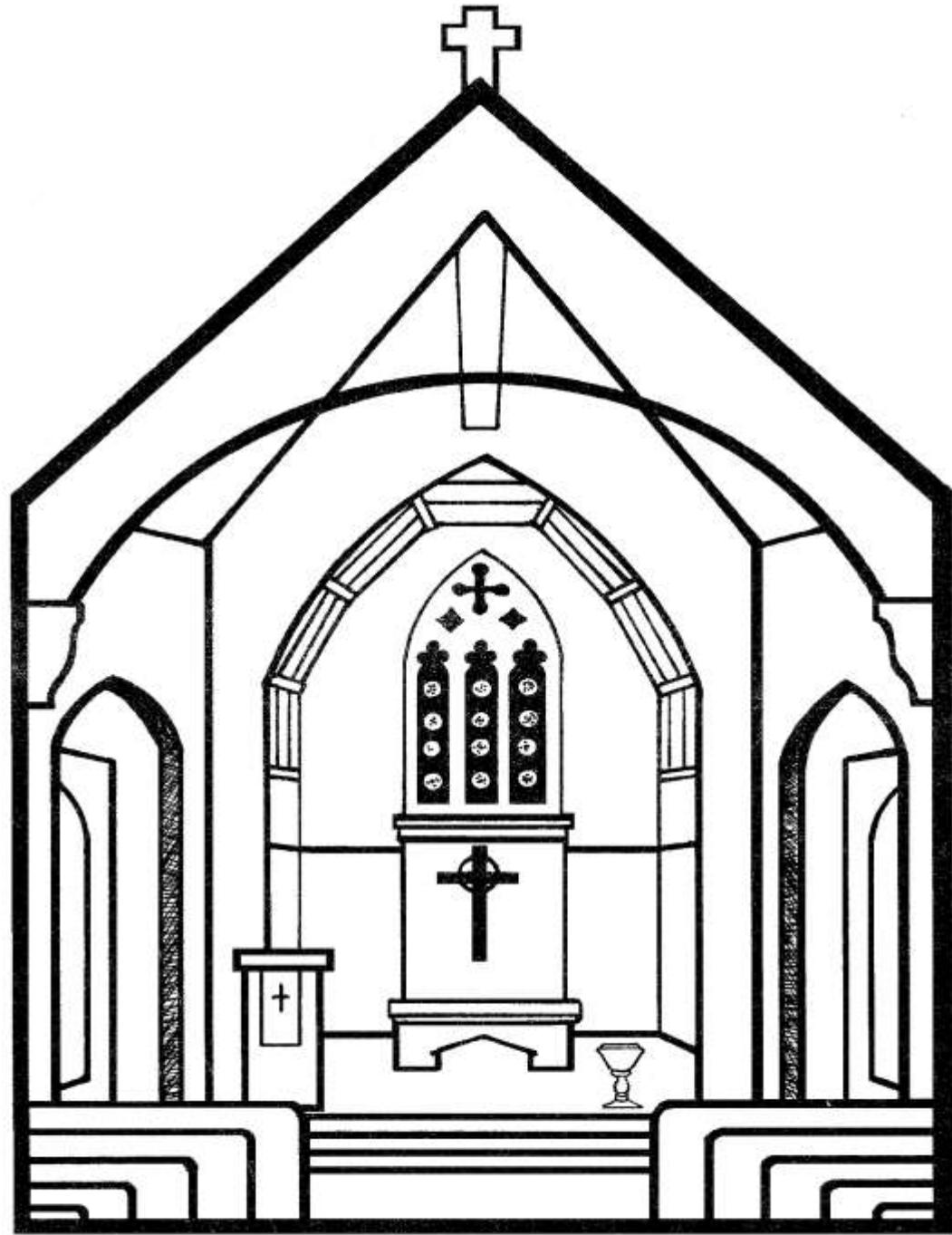
**\*Postlude** *National Hymn* arr. by W. Kerr

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**\*Please stand, if you are able.**

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