

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2015

Scriptural Meditation

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome

Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring* by J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

One: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce go things....

All: So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

One: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

All: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

One: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

All: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

***Gathering Song** *I Was There for Your Boring Cry* # 488



Sacrament of Baptism

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words from Holy Scripture:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
(Rom.6:3-4)

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Ruling Elder Kathy Brown: On behalf of the Session, I present River Immanuel Miller, son of Tami and Dusti, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Question to the parents:

Do you desire that River Immanuel be baptized? **We do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child? **We do.**

Question to the Congregation (Ruling Elder Melissa Harris):

Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture River Immanuel Miller by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful to His Church? **We do.**

Profession of Faith

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks. In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of your grace. We praise you that through the waters of the sea, you led your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by Your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection, you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth. We praise you that in baptism you give us Your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth. May all who now pass through these waters be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Bind them to the household of faith, guard them from all evil. Strengthen them to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new. To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

River Immanuel Miller, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Welcome

River Immanuel Miller has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

***Gloria Patri**

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**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.**

Heifer Project—Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries

A Song of Blessing (Adapted from an Irish Blessing, Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

**All: *May joy and peace surround you,
contentment at your door,
And happiness be with you now,
God bless you evermore.***

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: Gracious God, guide us into your service. Lead us to paths of humility and compassion. Help us remember that true greatness is nothing less than love and nothing more than servanthood. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Job 38:1-7, 34-39 page 484

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

Anthem *The Prayer of St. Francis* René Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is injury, help me to pardon,
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is darkness, let me bring light.
Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy, let me bring joy,
let me bring joy, let me bring joy.
O Lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console, as to understand; to love, to love, to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
And in pardoning that we are pardoned.
For in dying we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen

New Testament Epistle Hebrews 5:1-10 page 220

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Gospel Lesson Mark 10:35-45 page 47

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Message *Church Politics-Even with the Disciples!* Pastor Kim

including a special
Presentation of the Lou Sewell Local Mission Support:
Safe House with Court Advocate, Becky Holloway

~Responding to God's Word~

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 Hymn *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant/The Servant Song* # 727

*Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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*The Prayer of Dedication

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.

Sung Prayer Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
When I call, answer me,
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me. (Repeat)**

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~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Departing Song** *Let All Things Now Living* # 37

***Benediction** (Respond with **Amen**)

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep with your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

Franciscan Blessing

***Postlude**

The Ash Grove

arr. by D. Wood

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

Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the ushers.