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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
July 3, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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“*May Peace Be*”

Prelude

Sung: **God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!
God’s love is strong! And it never ends!**

Words: John L. Bell, Music: South African traditional,
transcribed by John L. Bell at the Sunrise Hospice, Themba
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: May a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

Many: How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!

One: Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse,
and communal disconnection.

Many: We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.

One: You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to action
and to rest.

**Many: Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise you for you
clothe us in joy and peace.**

***Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #66**

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Alt

Music: Welsh folk melody

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from
our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor
wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high
soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and
love.**

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praises we render: O help us to see that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

***Unison Invocation**

God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Spirit of the Living God, temptation surrounds us. Self-preservation lures us to indifference. Fear of confrontation coaxes us to keep silent about things that matter. The desire to be right entices us to ignore the cries of our neighbors. Too often we ignore the call to go and to be in favor of staying stuck in our attitudes and behaviors. Too often, we are the ones who refuse to welcome you into our intimate space, who resist the work of transformation, and who remain unresponsive to the burdens of our siblings in creation. Spirit of Gentleness, redirect us back to the path of life, the way of justice, and the hope of peace. Amen.

Words of Grace

Our Companion and Advocate takes this journey with us. Our invitation to make the kingdom of God our dwelling place continually renews. The Righteous One opens the door and eases our entry into new life, new mercy, and new grace.

Passing the Peace

Scripture: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Message

Pastor Jeff Logan

*Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

#566

Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855, alt.

Music: Jean Sibelious, 1899; arr. The Hymnal, 1933

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Trust in your God, your savior and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall dwell with God forever more, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Offering

The generous life responds to the call to mutuality and burden sharing. The generous life recognizes the abundance of creation and trusts the generosity of the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The generous life follows the steps of Jesus in meeting needs, spreading hope, and sharing love.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used preciousely, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated gloriously in your name. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

***Sending Song**

Fill the World with Love

#467

Words: David L. Edwards, 1992

Music: David L. Edwards, 1992; arr. Susan Adams, 1994

With the vision in our minds of how the world could be, and the fullness of our hearts from the suffering we see; when we make all that we are and have part of God's destiny, we can fill the world with love, we can fill the world with love.

All the people in this world living lives of pain and fear, crying out into the night, wond'ring when someone will hear; while there are so many others having so much they can share, can we fill the world with love, can we fill the world with love.

We whose spirits long to share, long to comfort and to heal, know that when we act alone, hope is difficult to feel; but together as we labor God's compassion to reveal we will fill the world with love, we will fill the world with love.

Let us hesitate no longer in our doubt and our dismay; there's a pow'r at work within us that has promised a new day. And the time will surely come, it will not be long delayed when God fills the world with love, when God fills the world with love.

***BENEDICTION**

Postlude

Pastor Jeff Logan

Rev. Jeffery Logan is the Executive Director and a co-pastor at Grace-Street Ministry. He spent the first third of his life as a professional Shakespearean actor in New York City (BA in Theatre Arts from UC Berkeley); the second third practicing Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine in Portland, Maine (Masters of Science in Oriental Medicine from Southwest Acupuncture College). In June of 2014, he was ordained as an interfaith minister by the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine.

As part of his training, Jeff interned with Pastor Mair Honan at Grace-Street Ministry. One thing led to another, and Jeff was offered a co-pastor position after his ordination. When Pastor Mair retired in 2019, Jeff replaced her as Executive Director. Pastor Mair is a treasured friend and mentor in Jeff's work on the street.

Thank you to Pastor Logan for serving as our guest Pastor today.

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