



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

AS WE GATHER: During our summer sermon series, *You're in Good Hands - The Miracles of Jesus*, we will explore the miracles of Jesus and how the wonders He performed attest to His divinity. Jesus' boundless love and compassion for people are evident in His desire to free them from their bondage. We will study how Jesus' absolute authority and power over nature, disease, death, the devil confirm to all that He is indeed the Messiah and the Son of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #648 *"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"*

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 He whose word cannot be broken
 Formed you for His own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 What can shake your sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 You may smile at all your foes.

- 2 See, the streams of living waters,
 Springing from eternal love,
 Well supply your sons and daughters
 And all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 Ever will their thirst assuage?
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
 Never fails from age to age.

- 3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
 See the cloud and fire appear
 For a glory and a cov'ring,
 Showing that the Lord is near.
 Thus deriving from their banner
 Light by night and shade by day,
 Safe they feed upon the manna
 Which God gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,
People: A very present help in trouble.

Pastor: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives
way,
People: Though the mountains be moved into the heart
of the sea,

Pastor: Though its waters roar and foam,
People: Though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city
of God,
People: The holy habitation of the Most High.

Pastor: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
People: God will help her when morning dawns.

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God.
People: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be
exalted in the earth!"

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us;
People: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our
sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

People: We confess to God Almighty, before the whole
company of heaven and before one another,
that we are sinful human beings by nature and

by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

#790, vs. 1,4,5

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen, Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of love, in His ministry, Your Son, Jesus, showed His mastery over all the forces of nature, including those of great power. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Him and to trust His guidance in all things as we pass through this world, confident in His care; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 1:7-16

And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹ And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard^[a] to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Heidi

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:11-16

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood^l to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But

when he saw the wind,^[d] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "You're in Good Hands - The Walk"
Pastor Seth Flick

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#645, vs. 1,3,5

"Built on the Rock"

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

APOSTLES' CREED

**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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the**

Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Lord may watch over our comings and goings and deliver us safely into the arms of His mercy, in the blessed rest of the faithful, to receive with all the dead in Christ the gift of life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #717 *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

- 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.
- 3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.
- 5 Praise to the Father to the Son,
And to the Spirit three in one.
May we, who walk now led by faith,
Continue in thy love and grace;
Help us to be here in this place,
Thy hands, thy feet, thy shining face.

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