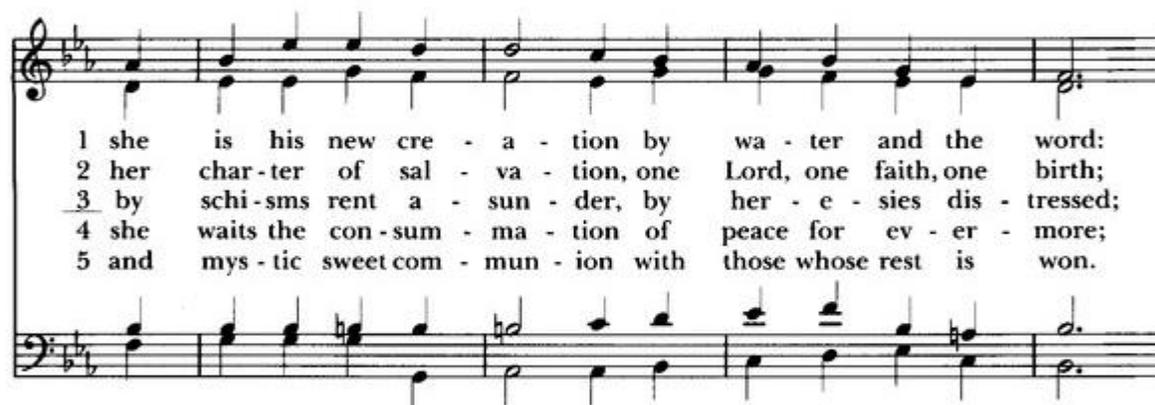


The Liturgy of the Word for the Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021

Opening Hymn #525 ~ The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

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1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endowed.
 3 and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Our First Reading is from Samuel (**I Samuel 15: 34 – 16:13**)

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Our response for this morning is from **Psalm 20** *Exaudiat te Dominus*

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

**2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;**

3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

**4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.**

5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

**6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

**8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.**

9 O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

Our Second Reading is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (**2 Corinthians 5:6 – 17**)

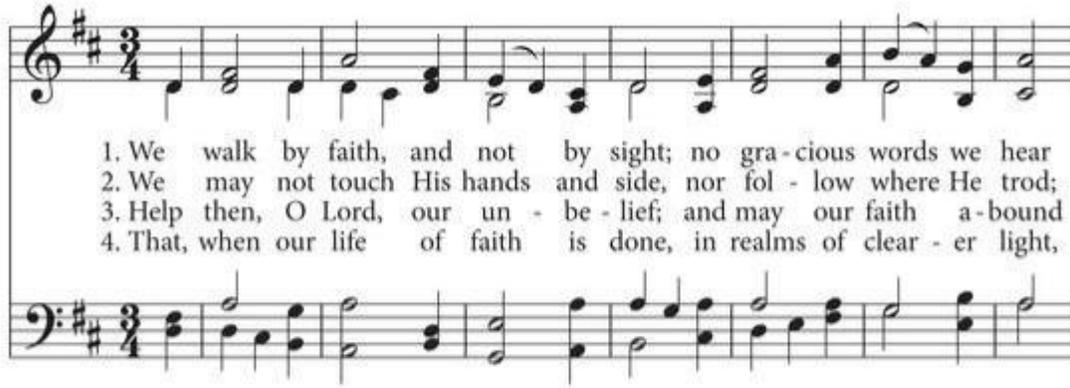
We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

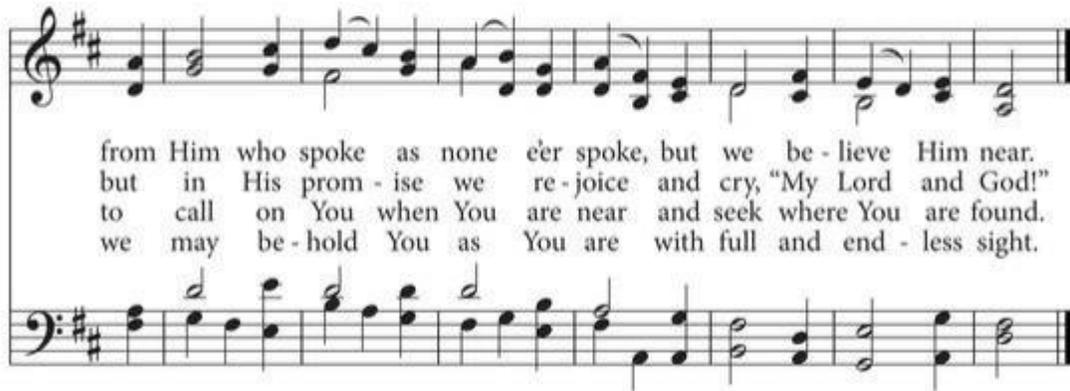
The Word of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn #209 ~ We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight



1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gra-cious words we hear
2. We may not touch His hands and side, nor fol-low where He trod;
3. Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; and may our faith a-bound
4. That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er light,



from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we be-lieve Him near.
but in His prom-ise we re-joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
to call on You when You are near and seek where You are found.
we may be-hold You as You are with full and end-less sight.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844

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MUSIC: Gordon Slater, 1929

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark **(Mark 4:26 - 34)**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Our sermon this morning is from Cindy Corner*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

God of all nations,
we thank you for your great power and might,
for you are moving all history
toward your good purposes and plans.

Though nations wield economic, political, and military power
that seems to rule the day, we trust that you are stronger still.
We thank you that our systems of oppression and injustice are ultimately doomed to failure.
We pray, then, for oppression to come to an end and for injustice to cease,
so that people everywhere may live in peace and dignity.
We pray for all those who sit in the seats of power
to learn your ways of mercy and kindness.
In our community, teach us to work together
for the common good,
caring for our neighbors
and growing in understanding across every divide.
(Please pray for our nations' leaders and those serving in the military)
God of all nations: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God,
we know that you are at work among the least, the lost, and the last,
in the things that are unseen,
and that your heavenly reign does not swagger, but is subtle—
coming among us in uncommon and often unnoticed ways.
Give us eyes to see and ears to hear
how and where you are moving and changing all things.
Help us to look for your kingdom in the ways of children
and others who are vulnerable among us,
to seek you at the margins among those overlooked or ostracized.
Humble us so that we can learn
from those who are meek in all the earth.
(Please pray for the Church and our partners in ministry)
Gracious God: **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God,
when our lives are dry and brittle,
we trust that you can restore us to life,
making us green again and fruitful.
For anyone living with depression,
chronic pain, or long-term illness,
we ask for your healing and tender care.
(Please pray for the sick)
For those who have lost employment
or the opportunity to be engaged with others
in meaningful service,
we pray for new opportunities to spring up.
For anyone who has come to an ending,
whether sought or undesired,
we pray that a new beginning will open

that promotes new growth and flourishing.

(Please pray for those seeking employment and direction in their lives)

We pray for those who have died.

Welcome them into your kingdom

and bring comfort to those who mourn their loss.

(Please pray)

Life-giving God: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God,

We pray for our teachers and our students. *(Please offer names)*

We pray for those with birthdays and anniversaries. *(Please offer names)*

We give you thanks for all our joys and thanksgivings. *(Please offer thanks)*

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

All-knowing God,

Remember those we have overlooked,

those whom we have forgotten or forsaken,

and those who have wandered away from you.

Restore them, we pray, and restore us, too,

until we are all your family again.

(Please pray)

All-knowing God: **hear our prayer.**

Finally, dear God,

no matter how small our faith is,

we pray that you will give us good growth

in our discipleship to you

so that we may be faithful ambassadors of Christ,

sharing his love and working for the reconciliation of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Confession

Officiant God will not count our trespasses against us,

longing instead for us to be reconciled.

We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope.

Gracious God,

we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.

Captivated by power and prestige,

we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.

Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work.

Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes -

fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation;

beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;

building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests.

**Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray,
so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Officiant: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

**We are ambassadors for Christ,
for God has reconciled us through him!
Thanks be to God!**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

**God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offering

Officiant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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
for ever and ever. Amen.

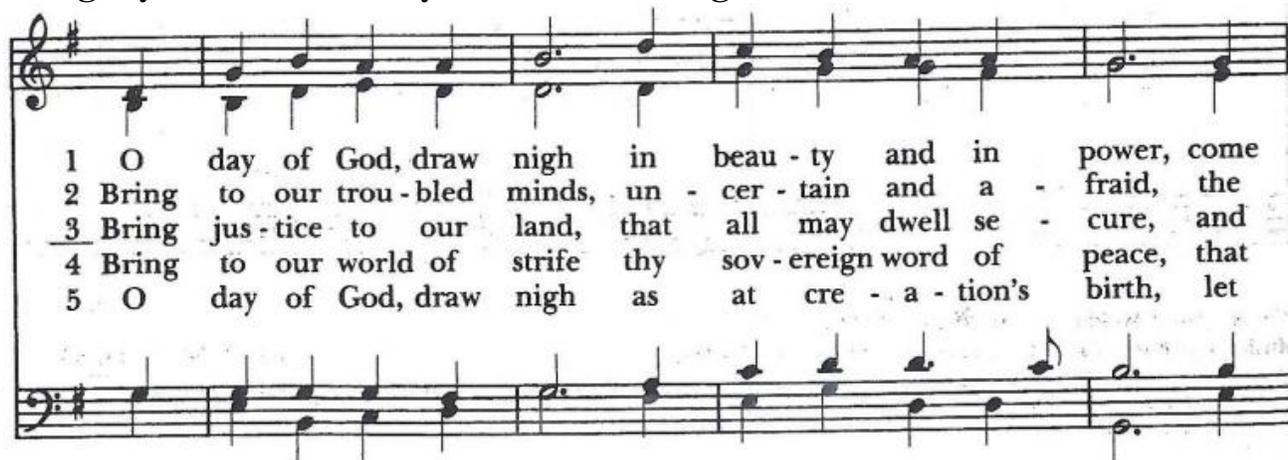
The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

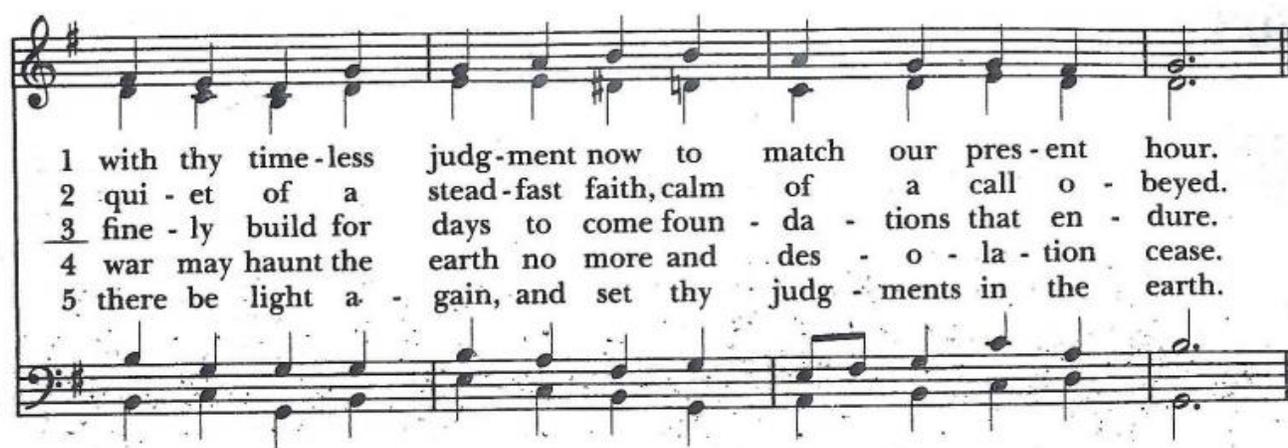
Blessing

Priest May God bless you with new life,
Christ tend you in grace,
and the Holy Spirit guide your steps,
as you walk by faith, now and forever.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Closing Hymn #601 ~ O Day of God, Draw Nigh



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Be reconciled to God through Christ and join in the ministry of reconciliation, for the sake of the world.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.