

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Facebook Live Stream Worship  
July 5th, 2020

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: In these moments of isolation and wondering what tomorrow might bring, let us lift our voices to God.

**People: We will call on the One who promises to hear us, and better – to listen to our hearts and souls.**

Leader: In days of uncertainty, when the future seems unclear, in life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

**People: We will rejoice in the One who is with us walking with us, opening our eyes, touching our heart.**

Leader: As God's people, we know that the Bread of life is for us, even as we hunger for hope, life, joy, healing for our brokenness.

**ALL: Just as we do with the cup of salvation, we will lift our hearts in thanksgiving to our God.**

### OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**When it does not seem  
to matter to many, Creator God,  
we will dare to be your people,  
to love those the world  
would have us reject,  
to be just in the face  
of every reason to be cruel,  
to be unafraid  
of whatever awaits us.**

**When all the odds seem  
stacked against us, Jesus our Savior,  
we still dare to live as  
your sisters and brothers,  
serving others  
even from the safety of our homes,  
sharing in the burdens  
of our neighbors,  
refusing to leave the lonely  
orphaned with no hope.**

**In you, we dare to live and breathe and be,  
God within us, Christ before us, Spirit surrounding us. Amen**

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE:** There's Just No Pleasing Us!

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**TIME OF SILENCE**

**OUR 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.**

**CLOSING WORDS – MISSION MOMENT**

**BENEDICTION (Unison)**

You have called us, O God, to embrace the mission of Jesus as our own. Our sight is not equal to this vision, and our strength is not equal to this task. But you, O Lord, are a merciful God. You give light to those who walk in darkness, and you grant strength to those who carry heavy loads. As we return to the workaday world, let us see your light before us and feel your strength within us. Go, as a forgiven and holy people, to do the will of the one who loves us unconditionally.

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**Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.**