

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger, Worship Leader

Online Worship

Sunday, October 25, 2020

**PRELUDE** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" – Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Barbara Papagian

**INTROIT # 112** "Holy Ground" – Geron Davis

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: God, we know You are with us

**People: From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

Leader: You have showered Your love upon all generations, since the beginning of time.

**People: From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

Leader: Guide us now through this time of worship, and into the week ahead.

**All: From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

## OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**God, You are God forever.**

**This alone is cause for celebration, but we also know that we are Your people.**

**As we feel Your love washing over us now, may we love You with every part of our being; heart, mind, body and soul.**

**We celebrate Your love in our lives, and we ask for Your help as we try our best to boldly share the good news of Your love with others.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who models the way for us. Amen**

**HYMN # 72** "To God Be the Glory"

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE** Dress-A-Girl & Knitting Ministry

## 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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE # 583** "Lead Me, Guide Me"

**ANTHEM** "I Believe" – Mark Miller Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Song of Songs 8:6-7 and John 11:17-35**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

“Love and Grief”

Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger

**CLOSING HYMN # 494**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

**CLOSING WORDS**

**BENEDICTION**

May the peace of God reign in this place and may the love of God forever hold you tight.

May the Spirit of God flow through your life, and the joy of God uphold you day and night. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

“Carillon” – Louis Vierne

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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.**

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**Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger** lives with her husband, Russ, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Russ and Sarah are longtime friends of Kevin and Pam Pleas. Sarah was educated at Hofstra University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Boston University School of Theology. Over the course of forty-three years, she served churches in New York, Delaware, Virginia, and Maine, and is now happily retired, spending more time writing and hanging out with her four grandchildren. Sarah will forever be grateful to Kevin for filling her pulpit when her son, Noah, was desperately ill with Burkitt’s lymphoma. She is glad to be able to help Kevin now in this time of sadness and struggle.

**Hymn # 72 To God Be the Glory**

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

### **Hymn # 583 Lead Me, Guide Me**

Lead Me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

### **Hymn # 494 They'll Know We Are Christians**

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: