

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Online Worship
August 8, 2021

PRELUDE “It is Well With My Soul” – arr. Dawayne Stamper Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

INTROIT # 263 “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Hungering and thirsting; we come to the Lord

People: Jesus is the living bread!

Leader: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

People: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

All: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives. Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice. However, there are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety. Humbly we wait for your presence with us. We need your healing touch. Feed us with the bread of life, that we may hunger no more. Strengthen us to do your will for it is in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

HYMN # 559 “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

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 # 305 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

MUSICAL OFFERING “Beautiful Savior” – arr. Marilyn Thompson Elizabeth Blood, Piano
Adam Peithmann, Organ

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-6 ESV

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

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to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
but you shall be called the priests of the Lord;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.

SERMON

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HYMN # 484

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**Go out and imitate God, living in love, and may God always hear your voice.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“A Trumpet Fancy” – Leon Nelson

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.

Rev. Stephen Cushing has been the Executive Director and Senior Chaplain for New England Seafarers Mission, located in Boston, MA USA for 23 years. An ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church, he oversees the Seafarers Center at the cruise port in South Boston as well as industrial visitations in South Boston, and Providence, Rhode Island. In 2019, the cruise terminal in South Boston saw 167 cruise ship callings in the 7-month season. During the pandemic he has navigated the crisis by implementing new strategies for industrial ship visitations including Amazon ordering and delivery for crew members. He is currently as member and treasurer for the Board of Directors of the North American Maritime Ministry Association.

Introit Hymn no. 263

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Opening Hymn no. 559

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

1. All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell! For I know, whate’er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well; well.

2. All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread. Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be, gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see; see.

3. All the way my Savior leads me; oh, the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father’s house above. When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages; Jesus led me all the way; way.

Prayer Response Hymn no. 305 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Closing Hymn no. 484

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

1. We’ve a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon day bright, and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

2. We’ve a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord; a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.

3. We’ve a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us the Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.

4. We’ve a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod, that all of the world’s great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.