

## **Pentecost**

**June 7, 2020**

### WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

- Second Sunday of Pentecost (Holy Trinity Sunday)

### **Worship - When and How**

Session met this week and decided that for the month of June we will continue to meet virtually. We have started a task force to explore the information and guidelines out there to put together a plan to come back together safely. Again, this will be a slow process, as right now in this area of New York we are only allowed to gather ten people or less. We will also be exploring how we might do something in the way of small gatherings. Regardless, if you have creative ideas, or want to get involved, please let me know.

Your safety and the lives of your loved ones and our neighbors is our primary concern, so we will take our time and do what we need to do to ensure our worship continues in the safest manner possible.

But never forget, the church is not a building, it is not a service, it is not the music or the words - You are the church. You bring it with you -in all that you do. We'll work on *that* piece of our faith until we can again meet in our accustomed way.

### **Zoom Communion - Today after livestream.**

Today after this livestream - come to Zoom Communion. Have your own bread, cracker, tortilla, and grape juice or wine on hand. Click here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85126566366>  
Or check the bottom of this page for the full invitation.

## **Next Week**

I will be out next week, but Pat Singer will be giving a piano performance in the sanctuary at 10:30, which you can also view at a later time. We will also have several options to participate in other church services botho local and further from home. Information about this will be sent out Friday, as well as be posted on the web page for next Sunday. Go explore some other services and come back with ideas and inspiration for how we can add to ours.

## **Pledging - giving**

Thank you to all who continue to send in pledges. Thanks to you we are doing ok, and hope to continue to do ministry in the community.

## **Germonds Cemetery**

Take a walk in the Germonds cemetery anytime, it is beautiful. A good place for socially distanced walks. I'm available.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we come to you this morning in a state of longing. Longing to find belonging, longing to have what has been lost restored, longing to laugh and hug and be with loved ones. God of all creation, give us patience and endurance. Lend us your strength for the long haul, that we might find new and creative ways to be your people, to love more fully, even as we remain at a distance from one another. Help us to stand in solidarity with those who are hurting. Help us to learn how to be part of the solution. Renew us in our faith, O God, that we might trust you in these uncertain times, and continually ask ourselves what would Jesus do? Strengthen our identities as your children and beloved, do not let us lose sight of who we are in the midst of trouble. Help us to weave stories that inspire us and pull us together through these times. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

### **2 Timothy 1:1-7**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

## SCRIPTURE

### **Psalm 137:1-4**

1 By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.

2 On the willows<sup>[a]</sup> there  
we hung up our harps.

3 For there our captors  
asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

4 How could we sing the Lord’s song  
in a foreign land?

## MESSAGE

### **Prayer Challenge!**

Once again I invite you to take on this prayer challenge - set your alarm or reminder for 3 pm every day this week and take a moment when it goes off to just stop and pray.

Pray for people's marriages, for kids who miss their friends, for those without work, for our seniors in nursing homes. Let us be like the first disciples - Constantly devoting ourselves to prayer.

### **Benediction**

May the love of God, the Peace of Jesus Christ and the *Power* of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

### **Zoom Communion!**

*Click Link Below to Join!*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Listen to the good news. God is with us this day and every day!

**All: Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find some good in everything, for we are never completely alone.**

One: God's goodness is like water, it sustains us and strengthens us to unleash a mighty flood of love and hope in the world.

**All: We worship you, O God, for your goodness. We praise you with our songs, we seek you in our prayers. We come to offer ourselves - to seek you, to find you, to know you, to worship. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, O God, we are careless. We are careless with the hearts and feelings of others as we are so focused on our own. We block out the pain that others are experiencing for a range of reasons, and we become indifferent or immune to the needs around us. These are difficult times, Lord. Difficult for us to see ourselves and others clearly, difficult to know what to do and how to help. Difficult to change or listen to views that differ from our own. We are compromised by our own desires and self-centered worlds, our longing to have things our way and to stay in control. We are in desperate need of your forgiveness. As individuals and as a collective. We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are precious to the Lord. God sees us and loves us, no matter how we stumble.

**All: Let us lift our praise to the God who walks alongside us, ever present and ever loving. Thanks be to God!**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

ONE: It is truly right and our greatest joy to worship you today, O Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**ALL:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion** (Des Olori)

CLOSING HYMN

*Do Not Be Afraid*

Glory to God #76 (see below)

## GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

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## Do Not Be Afraid

76

*Refrain*

*All*

E B C#m G D/F# E B

Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho - sen and be -

C#m D Bm7 Dmaj7 E B C#m

loved, you are my own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re -

E7 D Bm7 C Em Am7 Bm7 E *Last time*

deemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

*Leader or All*

D Bm7 E

1 ♪ Look up, a new thing I am do - ing;  
2 I am God, who blots out your trans - gres - sions;  
3 ♪ The Lord, the Ho - ly One of Is - rael

D Bm7 E

♪ it springs forth; ♪ look and see it grow.  
for my own sake I do not chide or blame.  
♪ has prom - ised to lead us on our way,

F G

♪ Through wil - der - ness I'll make a lev - el high - way;  
On - ly this much I ask, that you love me  
♪ and we who love and wor - ship God our Mak - er

F Dm7 B<sup>sus</sup> B *to Refrain*

through des - erts, make streams and riv - ers flow.  
and seek me and hon - or my name.  
will lis - ten to hear the Spir - it say:

**Zoom Communion Link Info:**

Abbie Huff [abbiehuff@germondschurch.org](mailto:abbiehuff@germondschurch.org) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Communion and Fellowship

Time: Jun 7, 2020 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85126566366>

Meeting ID: 851 2656 6366

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