

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

GOING FORTH

The People of God go out to be a blessing to others and to share God's blessings with the world.

*HYMN: My Life Flows On TFWS 2212

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG: "A Celtic Blessing"

*POSTLUDE:

ⁱ Pastor Ann's opening meditation is based on a prayer by Miriam Therese Winter, *United Methodist Book of Worship*, 472. Psalm 113 is the New Revised Standard Version. Musical Response is part of the worship series, Bless To Me, Summer Ordinary Time Season Series, ©www.worshipdesignstudio.com, used with permission. The Four poems is likewise from the Bless to Me series.

ⁱⁱ Based on "For One Who Is Hurting" by Beth A Richardson, *Christ Beside Me, Christ Within Me* (Upper Room Books: Nashville, TN, 2016) 81.

ⁱⁱⁱ from The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland (Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press), © 1994, Panel on Worship of the Church of Scotland.

^{iv} Modified from <http://saltwaterandhoney.org/blog/a-liturgy-of-loss>

^v Modified from: <https://www.reformedworship.org/article/december-2002/celtic-connections-tapping-rich-heritage-prayer#:~:text=For%20example%2C%20traditional%20Celtic%20religion%20had%20always%20shown,each%20light.%20strong%20Son%20of%20God%20most%20high>, and <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/the-great-thanksgiving-for-the-season-after-pentecost-ordinary-time-or-king>

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GATHERING

We gather in the presence of each other to seek the presence of God.

PRELUDE:

GATHERING AND GREETING

CENTERING: ⁱ Psalm 31:1-16 response *Carmina Gadelica*, III, 53

**God to enfold me, God to surround me,
God in my speaking, (God ever near).
God in my thinking. God in my sleeping,
God in my waking, (God ever near).**

**God in my watching, God in my hoping.
God in my life (and) God in my lips,
God in my soul and in my sufficing,
God in my slumber, (God ever near).**

*CALL TO WORSHIP: ⁱⁱ

Liturgist: God, your peace, your comfort,

People: Your healing presence.

Liturgist: Send them into the places of deep sadness,

People: the wounds, the disappointments, the tears and aching hearts.

Liturgist: Touch the tear-line cheeks,

People: with your kiss of peace.

Liturgist: Hold your child close, child full of sorrow.

People: Hold your child close, child all alone.

Liturgist: Bring comfort and healing, balm for broken hearts,

People: Freedom from fear and courage to face forward.

Liturgist: You are the Miracle Worker.

People: The Great Healer, the Mender of the Breach.

All: Come, now

Come, quickly,

Come.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us on the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread...ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

Receive the Communion Elements and Lift our Losses to God

(*Please rise in spirit or in body.)

*HYMN: We Cannot Measure How You Heal

*OPENING PRAYER:

BLESSINGS PROCLAIMED
We proclaim the blessing that is the Gospel.

CONTEMPORARY WISDOM: Blessing by David Whyte as found in *Pilgrim*

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:5-10

MESSAGE: "Struggling Times: Facing Illness, Loss and Grief" Rev. Ann Lyter

GRATITUDE FOR OUR BLESSINGS

God's people respond to God's blessings with gratitude, praise and offerings,

OFFERINGS:

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #95

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYER SONG: Bless To Me

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ⁱⁱⁱ

**Count us not as nothing, O God,
count us not as nothing, O Christ,
count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit,
nor abandon us to eternal loss.
We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Spirit Holy.**

**Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give:
for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty
speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have
done amiss.**

**Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the
Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the
grave.**

**As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness,
enshield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each
light.**

**Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting;
strong Son of God most high.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A TIME OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOSS AND COMMUNAL GRIEF ^{iv}

THE THANKSGIVING ^v

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Living God, we acclaim you, majestic in holiness, worthy of praise,
worker of wonders...when nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your
people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

Announcements

Wiggle Wednesdays: The idea is we gather at the church on Wednesdays at 10 am in Burgess Hall. We will have easy and fun things to do, like yoga or chair yoga, walking, or simple stretches. We will keep it simple enough for beginners with modifications for those who want to take it a step up or take a step back. We will try different things until we find something we want to focus on. When the weather suits, we may meet outside. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes, comfortable clothes you can move in. Please bring a water bottle, preferably a refillable one. Masks will be required.



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Pastor's Lunch: Come out and join your friends and fellow church members for a lunch and conversation on July 13. We will gather at noon for a delicious picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, salads, dessert and fellowship. To reserve your spot go to www.bookapew.com/app/az/sumc or contact the church office. Space is limited to sign up early!

Mission and Outreach: It's hard to believe but it's time to collect school supplies. Watch for sales and gather supplies to help families and children prepare for the coming school year. We will be collecting for our Sidewalk Sunday school kids as well as families in Scottsdale who are in need. We will bless the backpacks at worship on July 25.

In addition to the backpacks, we need only the following supplies:

- Both COLLEGE RULED AND WIDE RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER (whatever's on sale),
 - BLACK AND RED BALLPOINT PENS for our older children
 - HIGHLIGHTERS for our older children,
 - SMALL (12crayon) BOXES OF CRAYONS for our younger children.
- WOODEN PENCILS and PENCIL BOXES for our younger children

SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

PRAYER, TRUST, HOPE

3139 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal or
2. The pain that will not go a - way, the
3. So some have come who need your help and

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
guilt that clings from things long past, the
some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
fear of what the fu - ture holds are
hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though
pres - ent as if meant to last. But pres - ent,
pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord, let your

blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive to hold and
too, is love which tends the hurt we nev - er
Spir - it meet us here to mend the bod - y,

heal and warn, to car - ry all through death to
hope to find, the pri - vate ag - o - nies in -
mind and soul, to dis - en - tan - gle peace from

life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
pain and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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MUSIC: Traditional Scottish melody

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