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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 30, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ringling the Bell

***Greeting One Another**

Centering Music

"Everywhere Fun Fair"

VBS Kids

Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now. ----St. Teresa of Avila

Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, and yet he must be in it, his place is with those others for whom there is no room. ---Thomas Merton

***Call to Worship** (Based on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

- Leader 1: The spirit of God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to those who are afflicted,
Leader 2: to bind up the brokenhearted,
Leader 1: to proclaim liberty to those who are bound,
Leader 2: and release to those who are imprisoned;
Leader 1: to proclaim the year of God's favor, and the day of restoration to our God;
Leader 2: to comfort all those who mourn;
Leader 1: to provide for those who mourn, a garland instead of ashes,
Leader 2: the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
Leader 1: garments of splendor instead of a heavy heart.
Left Side: They will be called oaks of righteousness,
Right Side: a planting by God, to display God's glory.
Leader 1: They shall build up the ancient ruins,
Left Side: they shall raise up the former devastations;
Right Side: they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
Leader 2: Because I, God love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
Leader 1: I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Left Side: Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples;
Right Side: all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom God has blessed.
Leader 2: We will greatly rejoice in God, Our whole being shall exult in my God...
Left Side: For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
Right Side: so God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

***Gathering Song** NCH #309 "We Are Your People"

WHITFIELD

Opening Prayer

Silent Reflection

Readings from the Bible

Deuteronomy 15:7-11 (p. 215 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Matthew 25:31-46 (p. 35 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

IVERSON

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me: Spir - it of the liv - ing God,
Fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me,
use me, Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen," concluding with "The Lord's Prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

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.

Children's Message

Hannah Hannover

Offering of Gifts

"Gathered In"

arr. D. Paxton

***Sung Response** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Last uns Esfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Cre - a - tor, Praise the
Son. Praise, praise the Spir - it, Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Spirit of openness and affirmation, we dedicate these gifts to the ministry of love and acceptance in this world. May we ever seek to use all of our resources to create a world and a church where all are welcome and honored, loved and fully known. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who welcomed everyone to his table. Amen.

***Song** NCH #475 "God's Eye Is On the Sparrow" SPARROW

Sermon "Openhanded Generosity; Homelessness and Affordable Housing"
Linda Hanson, Allen Trenkle

***Closing Song** NCH #286 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" SPIRIT

***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preachers: Linda Hanson, Allen Trenkle
Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover
Music Director: Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

Next Week July 7

9:30 a.m. worship at First Christian Church
Sermon: "It's So Crazy, It Just Might Work!" Mary Jane Button-Harrison
Text: 2Kings 5:1-14