

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am

June 21, 2020

**The Praise of a Trapped Prophet****AS WE GATHER**

It should be no surprise, for the Lord warned them from the beginning. To follow Christ, to live our Baptism, to be a Christian will not be a life of ease, peace, and abundance, but rather one of trouble and contradiction. All the apostles and prophets found this to be true. Jeremiah's complaint is repeated by all who have discovered the Christian life is but warfare between life and death. Because Jesus gave Himself to the defeat of the devil and our spiritual slavery by letting it all have its way with Him to the cross, all who believe are freed and made participants in newness of life by simple faith in this grace and mercy of God for us. Jesus says three times today, "Do not be afraid," so now even with the prophet's complaint repeated, we can rejoice with him, "Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD!"

PRELUDE**WELCOME****RINGING OF THE BELL**

750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in
 2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer-ful



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be -
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's



tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and
 plea-sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
 tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
 That God hath cast thee off unheard,
 That he whose hopes meet no denial
 Must surely be of God preferred.
 Time passes and much change doth bring
 And sets a bound to ev'rything.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We come before the Lord this day to be strengthened in faith and to be witnesses of righteousness and truth before a hostile world. Let us first confess our own sinfulness, that we receive mercy, grace, and forgiveness from God.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies **that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love**; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 20:7–13* (Jeremiah's complaint)

⁷You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. ⁹**But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.** ¹⁰I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:12–18, 22–23* (Slaves to righteousness)

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷**But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from**

your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 10:32*

All: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

(Do not be afraid.)

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. ³² "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



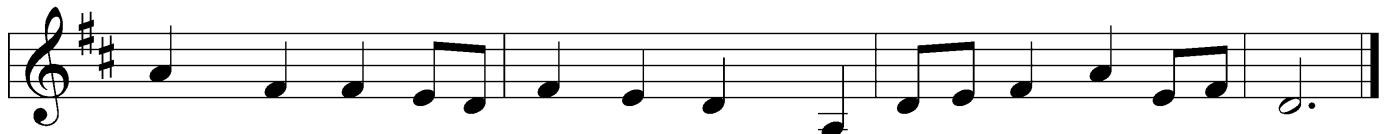
1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
 The martyrs' strength and song,
 The crucified and risen King
 To whom the saints belong:
 Though generations pass,
 Our tribute still we bring,
 Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
 Our lives an offering.

MESSAGE – Pastor Jim Frusti

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
For the expansion of Christ's kingdom, that we may share the gifts of our Savior in the work we do in His harvest field, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Father, thank You for the mission that is ours in Christ.**
- Pastor: For all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and other men of faith, that they may use their vocations to be a blessing to others in the home and in the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Father, thank You for the Christian family that is ours in Christ.**
- Pastor: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they may find wholeness in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Father, thank You for the healing grace that is ours in Christ.**
- Pastor: Heavenly Father, You have called us to be stewards of the Gospel so others will hear the Good News. Help us, Lord, by word and action to be faithful to our calling as we acquaint those around us of Your love and the redeeming power of Your Son's death on the Cross.
- People: Lord, we thank You for the privilege of being Your ambassadors. May our words and deeds help lead others to You.**
- Pastor: Dear God, through Your grace, our stewardship changes from specific acts to a lifestyle of stewardship. Because You transform our hearts, we are eager to do good works that please and honor You.
- People: Lord, we thank You for the privilege of being Your stewards, and we pray for the wisdom, strength, and conviction to live each day faithfully in the stewardship of Your blessings.**
- Pastor: Lord God, in our lifestyle of stewardship, we commit our lives, gifts, and resources to serving You and fulfilling Your will for our lives.
- People: Lord, help us to show proper gratitude for Who You are and what You do for us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front of the church or in the main hallway. Thank you.

AT THE OFFERING

Service of the Sacrament

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

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 Him thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

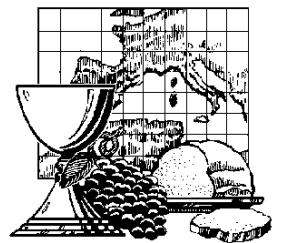
Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.



THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light-colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

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**Music will be played as we receive the Lord's Supper
At Today's Service:**

- **What's Going On (Marvin Gaye)** - Solo / Paul V
- **Selections sung by members of our St Paul Choir**
(Will & Barbara Hoffmeier, Rich Johnson, Jeff Shapiro)

Please wait for an usher to excuse you and your family for Communion.

Walk to the yellow "X" and wait there until the family before you finishes and begins to return to their pew.

We appreciate your help in this way.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS – If you have an announcement, please stand up in your pew and speak loudly for all to hear.

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
 And take the cross appointed
 And, firmly clinging to His Word,
 In suff'ring be undaunted.
 For those who bear the battle's strain
 The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

POSTLUDE

Be sure to visit us @: stpaulnorthville.org

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the sanctuary until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Tom Poole</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Fred Winternheimer</i> <i>Barry Helmick</i>	<i>John Nordbeck</i> <i>Carole Crete</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Ripper Family</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Karen Frusti</i> <i>Janet Wisner</i>	<i>Mary Lewis</i> <i>Beth Young</i>
<i>Tech Crew</i>	<i>Joey Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Barbara Hoffmeier</i>	

21	JUN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
22	JUN, MON	● 8:45am – 12pm	McCollister "Mini-School" Classroom #2
23	JUN, TUE	● 8:45am – 12pm	McCollister "Mini-School" Classroom #2
24	JUN, WED	● 8:45am – 12pm	McCollister "Mini-School" Classroom #2
		● 10 – 11am	VIRTUAL VBS
25	JUN, THU	● 8:45am – 12pm	McCollister "Mini-School" Classroom #2
26	JUN, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
27	JUN, SAT	● All day	Fairbairn Bridal Shower Set -UP
		● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

Attendance – 6.14.2020 – 8:30am - 73 + 11:00am – 47 = 120
Communion total - 61



One vase in honor of the 56th wedding anniversary of Neale and Kathy Hoener.

One vase from Janet Wisner in memory of loved ones.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11:00am service.



I would like to give my deepest 'Thank You' to my wonderful church family who embraced my dad, Paul Crenshaw, and always made him feel welcome. Also for all the prayers, love and support that you gave to Doug and myself. The Bergs

News & Notes



Usher's Needed: Please help our 11:00 Worship Service by volunteering to be an usher. Ushers pass out the service bulletin, help seat the congregation, ring the bell, and help with communion. Ushering is once a month plus Easter & Christmas services. Call Craig Miller at 248-380-5153 for questions and scheduling.

A great big thank you to all our volunteers who helped us continue supporting Family of God mission for the June 4th meal. Our **Cheesy Pasta Salads** were made by Janet Wisner, Carole Crete, Mary Lou Jaussi, Lenny Elliot, Pat McGuigan, Gretchen Hasse, Janet Kovalak (2), Julie Smith (friend of Kristen Goodman) and Ruth Fisher. **Rolls** were provided by Claudia & Karen Frusti. **Bags of plain potato chips** from Margo & Pat Melton. **Fruit cups** Chris Henning & Janet Kovalak. **Beverages** Marilyn Breuhan & Rita. We had **Dessert** Neal & Kathy Hoener - cookies & rice krispie bars, Janet Wisner cookies, Marilyn Breuhan cupcakes (wonderfully wrapped) & Lauren Jaussi Rice Krispie Treats (we have enough desserts for our next dinner as well). **Pre-packaged silverware with napkin & Three sectioned styrofoam containers** Kristy Howard. **Scripture Labels** Sue and our **Servers** were Barbara Hoffmeier, Pat McGuigan, Kristen Goodman, Julia Smith & Sue Poole. Our July schedule is not known yet, we will let you know. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Hi. My name is Peter Goodman and I'm a member at the church as well as a Boy Scout at Troop 777. I have begun plans for my Eagle project, and to help fund it, I'm asking for any returnable cans and bottles you can donate. The plan is to build terraced steps along the sloped hill on the western end of the school building in order to create a new exit for the school kids to get to the playground or as a fire exit. If you would like to donate your cans and bottles, please either email or text me at bk_goodman@yahoo.com or 248-238-9251. We can arrange a contactless pickup anywhere you would like. Thank you, Peter Goodman

Have you missed Bible study during the last three months? Many of us have, so a summer Bible study for men and women is being planned for about six weeks, beginning Tuesday, July 7. We will be using a classic book entitled Joy Comes with the Morning by Bill Kinnaird. This is an inspirational collection of thoughts, experiences, and wise counsel for all Christians. Building on his own experiences, Bill Kinnaird shares valuable knowledge and practical ideas for care givers and care receivers. Joy Comes with the Morning makes real God's love for and through God's people.

We will meet in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 and observe social distancing guidelines. If you would rather participate at home, we can do a Zoom meeting for those not joining in person. Due to all the safety guidelines, we will not be serving a dinner before Bible study this year. If you would like to join us, please let Jeanette Koch, 248-349-3140, or Linda Johnson, 248-349-0610, know so that we can order a book for you.

The **FAMILY OF GOD meals** have continued during the three months of the pandemic with things operating quite differently. The mission has been open six nights every week for take-out meals and many people in southwest Detroit appreciate the continued support by being physically fed. The Pastors have continued to be available for counseling and prayers and have done ministry with You Tube services and devotions.

Our group from St Paul's have remained faithful with their service and God has blessed our outreach ministry. We want to thank the 28 volunteers for March, April and May. Thrivent Grants to cover the costs were offered by John Hasse and David Tischler. Shopping and preparations were done by the Berg's, Hoffmeier's, and Janet Wisner. Drivers were Will and Barbara Hoffmeier. Servers were Dawn & Kelly Englert, Chris Burgess, Wayne Grey. Curtis Kalina. Cooks were Nancy Berg, Sandy Hardies, Kim Johnson, Sue Mai, Jane Ripper, Doris Oltersdorf, Kathy White, and Janet Wisner. Brownies were made by Bernice Baggett, Marilyn Breuhan, Anne Burgess, Carole Crete, Christ Henning, Carol Kandah, Mary Lewis, Shirley Mapes and Kim Ruth. (Thank you Ruth Fisher and Mary Lewis for continuing to coordinate 10 dozen brownies every month!) Our next meal will be Wednesday, June 17th. If you are a Thrivent member, we could really use your help with a grant application to help cover our groceries. Please contact Barbara for more information #248.756.3035. bhoffmeier3@gmail.com

VOTERS MEETING JUNE 28th – 10am- between services – NO POTLUCK



AWPC (Another Way Pregnancy Center) Baby Bottles - We were delayed this year with the baby bottle AWPC fundraiser, but they are available now. Please take one, fill it and return.

