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Sunday, July 5, 2020
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Divine Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Pamela Kurtz, Pastor

MOMENT OF SILENCE *Let us prepare our hearts and minds in silence to worship God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive*]

ONE: O Lord, how many are my foes
Many are rising against me;

MANY: **many are saying of me,**
"There is no help for him in God."

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

I cry aloud to the Lord
who answers me from holy hill.

I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

I am not afraid of ten thousand people
who have set themselves against me on every side.

Arise, O Lord!

Deliver me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek,
you break the teeth of the wicked.

Deliverance belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be upon your people!

Refrain:

***Nobody knows the trouble I see, nobody knows but Jesus;
oh, nobody knows the trouble I see, glory hallelujah!***

1 Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down,

Oh, yes, Lord!

Sometimes I'm almost to the ground,

Oh, yes, Lord! (Refrain)

2 Although you see me going long so,

Oh, yes, Lord!

I have my troubles here below,

Oh, yes, Lord! (Refrain)

3 What makes old Satan hate me so?

Oh, yes, Lord!

Cause he got me once and let me go,

Oh, yes, Lord! (Refrain)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-31; 1 John 4:18-21 (CEB)

One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus replied, "The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."

There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

MESSAGE

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

David Betts & Tiye Kurtz-Miott

SPECIAL MUSIC

Stanley Huston & Tiye Kurtz-Miott

Refrain:

***Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.***

*1 See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's a-gonna trouble the water. [Refrain]*

*2 See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's a-gonna trouble the water. [Refrain]*

*3 Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,
God's a-gonna trouble the water. [Refrain]*

*4 If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a-gonna trouble the water. [Refrain]*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Pam will lift up prayer requests previously sent to her.
When the pastor says "Lord," the people respond: "Hear Our Prayer."

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION & PRAYER OVER OFFERINGS

*Please prepare your checks for mailing, or cash for drop off at the church office while our
Music Director leads us in our Thanksgiving Song.*

THANKSGIVING SONG

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise TFWS 2031

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.*

*And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

By [Louise Rasmussen](#) - Based on the Writing of Howard Thurman, Jesus and the Disinherited

**With humility, O Creator, we seek Your forgiveness
For all the wrongs perpetrated against our brothers and sisters.**

**For all the times we
Looked but did not see,
Heard but did not listen,
Thought but did not act,
Talked but did not speak out,
And prayed but did not love;**

**For all the times we
Excluded so as not to include,
ejected so as not to accept,
Harmed so as not to strengthen,
Avoided so as not to face,
And ignored so as not to validate;**

**For all the times we
Have set up walls of separation
In Your human family'
For all the times we
Have chosen domination rather than equality;**

**For all the times we
Have failed You in Your call to wholeness;
We present ourselves to You
With humility and deep regret
Asking Your forgiveness.**

SILENT PRAYER FOR CONFESSION & HOPE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News: The breath of God is renewing, remaking and reforming. When we name our need for God's grace and forgiveness wholeness abounds and we are purified, cleansed and somehow redeemed. Know that you are forgiven through Christ Jesus. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Go to your windows now, open them, and with joyful noise proclaim,
"Peace be with you all!" then come back!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

GRATITUDE TIMES *Gratitudes previously sent to Rev. Pam will be shared.*

CLOSING SONG

We Are the Church

[Chorus]

***I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!***

- 1. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people. **Refrain***
- 2. We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces;
All colors and all ages too, from all times and places. **Refrain***
- 3. Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. **Refrain***
- 4. And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: **Refrain***
- 5. At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
And told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. **Refrain***

BENEDICTION

Rev. Pam

All raise hand, palm facing outward and wave goodbye.