

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

JULY 16, 2023

9:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE: CARSON**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *O Christ The Word Incarnate: 632*

*1. O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.*

*2. The Church from our dear Master received the word divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.*

*3. O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations thy true light as of old; O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.*

WELCOME: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Everyone: And Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Everyone: Come let us sing to the Lord: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hands are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!**

**Priest: The Lord be with you.**

**People: And also with you.**

**Priest: Let us Pray:**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**People: Amen**

**LESSONS:** *Please be seated for the readings of the lessons.*

**1<sup>st</sup> LESSON: Genesis 25:19-34**

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.

Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: Here ends the reading from the book of Genesis.

Response: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Psalm 119:105-112** *Let us read it responsively by full verse.*

Reader: Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

**Response: I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.**

Reader: I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

**Response: Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.**

Reader: My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

**Response: The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

Reader: Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**Response: I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.**

Reader: Here ends the reading from the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE: Romans 8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: Here ends our reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN: *Blessed Jesus At Thy Word*:# 440**

*1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.*

*2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded; thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.*

*3. Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding, open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.*

Priest: *Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

Priest/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

**Response: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

**Everyone: Praise to You Lord Christ.**

**MESSAGE:**

## **MESSAGE RESPONSE: CARSON**

### **NICENE CREED**

Priest: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Everyone: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the whole world.

Reader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Reader: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For Port Clinton and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*



Reader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially: **Alex, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K., Scott, Fr. John, Alec, Roseann, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Tom, Eliza and Donna:**

Response: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader: We pray for the men and women serving in our armed forces, especially: **Fr. Tony, Mitchell, Emily, Chris and Chelsey, the 200<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron, the 983<sup>rd</sup>, Army Combat Engineer Battalion and the 393<sup>rd</sup> Air Force Bomb Squadron.**

Response: **Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**

Reader: In the communion of St. Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Response: **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Priest/Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and one another:

Everyone: **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY: CARSON**

**Music:** *While the Table is Set*

## **COMMUNION:**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

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

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Response: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Priest: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

Response: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Response: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

Response: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Priest: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Priest: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Everyone: *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Priest: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Everyone: *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Priest: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest: The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Priest: Let us pray with those who are unable to receive the Eucharist with us this morning:

**EVERYONE**: Dear Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament, but since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I ask that you come spiritually into my heart.

**Unite me with you and never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

Priest: St. Thomas practices open communion which means that all baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table.

In light of the presence still of the Covid virus, I am asking you to receive communion by intinction only. Intinction is the dipping of the wafer into the chalice instead of drinking from the chalice.

Priest: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

LEM/Deacon: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

**MUSIC**: (*sing during communion*)

***1. As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.***

***2. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.***

*3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that Feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.*

Priest: Let us Pray:

**Everyone:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us spiritually with the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

**Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**People:** Amen

Priest: May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, May the Lord look upon you with favor and bring you peace.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** *Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word:* # 530

*1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word, spread the kingdom of the Lord, that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound.*

*2. Word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it still, how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save.*

*3. Word of how the Savior's love, earth's sore burden doth remove how forever in its need, through his death the world is freed.*

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

**POSTLUDE: CARSON**

LEM/Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THANKS: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**