

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 2018

Worship Focus

Powerfully Weak – Grace Is Sufficient in Weakness

My **G**race
is sufficient for you, for
my **power**
is made perfect
in **w e a k n e s s .**

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

420 - God Moves in a Mysterious Way



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
3 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And
4 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants his foot - steps
trust him for his grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
scan his work in vain; God is his own in -
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
prov - i - dence He has a smil - ing face.
ter - pret - er, And he will make it plain.
and will break In bless - ing on your head.

Text: William Cowper, 1731-1800, abr., alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



PRAAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.
(243:1,2)

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove;
2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love,
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 2:1-5

God chooses Ezekiel to bring his message to people who are stubborn, rebellious, and will not listen.

^{EZEKIEL 2:1} He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.”
² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³ He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen--for they are a rebellious house--they will know that a prophet has been among them.



PSALM

Psalm 143

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Men sing the first line of each verse; women the second line. All join on the refrains and Gloria.



(Men) O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for | mercy;*
(Women) in your faithfulness and righteousness come to | my relief.

Do not bring your servant into | judgment,*
for no one living is righteous be | fore you.

My spirit grows faint with | in me;*
my heart within me | is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quick | ly, O LORD;*
do not hide your | face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your un | failing love,*
for I have put my | trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on | level ground.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

God shows Paul his own weakness so that he will know that God's grace is sufficient and effective.

² CORINTHIANS 12:7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted; Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me. (255:3)**

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-6

Jesus can't do miracles in his hometown because of their lack of faith... they had rejected his message.

^{MARK 6:1} Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.

² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles!" ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

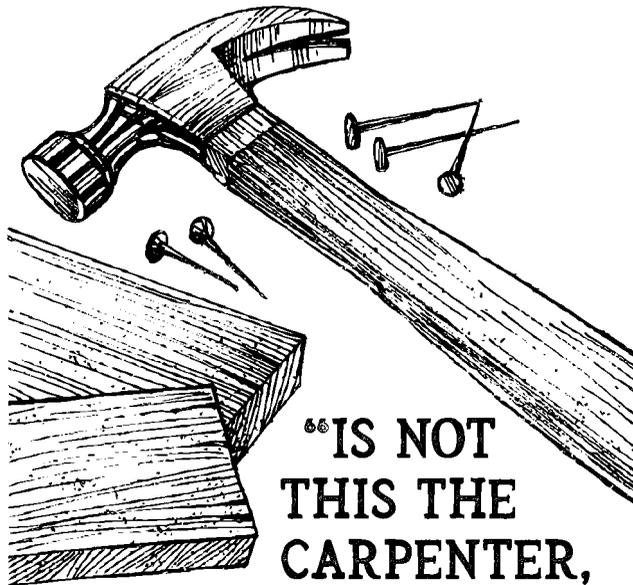
Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



**“IS NOT
THIS THE
CARPENTER,
THE SON OF MARY?”**

MARK 6:3

HYMN OF THE DAY

536 - Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head



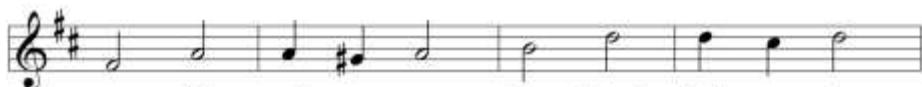
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her
2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -
3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both
4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you
lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing
pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -
fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built
care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your
vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That
cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things
To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way, Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
that an - noy, Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.
Tune: REUTER (87 87 65 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

SERMON

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Weakness Worth Boasting About

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Almighty and everlasting God, Your ascended Son reigns over all the nations. By His Gospel, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your people. Open our lips to speak Your Word with boldness to one and all. By the mercy we have received in Your Son, wholly shape our lives in love so that all we say, all that we do, may bring You glory and praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kind Father, move all congregations to sound forth the call to repentance without fear. Keep them faithful in their proclamation of Your Word, especially in the face of those who oppose it and refuse to hear You. Raise up new workers for Your harvest fields to speak Your Word as we wait for the coming of our Lord and the final fulfillment of Your every promise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your grace is sufficient for us and Your power is made perfect in weakness. Into Your loving hands, we commend all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit [*especially Your servants* _____]. Grant them patience in their afflictions and trust in Your wisdom, and strengthen their hope as they look forward to the final healing that awaits all Your children at the day of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great I AM, source of all life, send Your Holy Spirit to those who mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the promise of Your Son, that as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Your Son invites us to share together at this altar the priceless gift of His body and blood that won our forgiveness on Calvary's tree and promises us a share in His resurrection life. Cast away from us all unbelief and fill us with faith to welcome Him, hear and heed His words, and receive a share in the eternal inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These things and everything else You know that we need, grant to us, Father, for the sake of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of five staves of music in C major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The second staff continues with 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The third staff begins with 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.' The fourth and fifth staves continue the melody.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

765 - Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Tune: BLOTT EN DAG (10 9 10 9 D) Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Doxology (Romans 11)

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Soloist

*Oh the depth of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable his judgment
How unknowable his paths*

*Who knows the mind of our God
And who can bring council to Him?
Who has given to God
That God should repay?*

*For from Him, through Him
To Him, is everything*

*To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen*

CLOSING SONG

By Faith

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The congregation is invited to join in singing the closing song with the small group.

1 By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre - a - tions grand de -
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their
3 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap -
4 By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the
5 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -

sign in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness
hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news,
vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

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1, 3.	2, 4, 5.	Refrain
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who walk by faith and not by sight. We will
a place where peace and jus - tice reign.
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth.
in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth.
for all who call up - on His name.

10 stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our
13 soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done,
16 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

My grace is
sufficient for
you. My power
is made perfect
in weakness.

SECOND CORINTHIANS TWELVE NINE