



June 6, 2021

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

10:00 am

Opening Ourselves to Worship

Prelude

“O How I Love Jesus”

Welcome

Call to Worship (People's response in **bold**.)

Leader: Listen, for your name is being called.
Beyond the range of human voices, God is calling.

People: We have come to observe a sabbath time.
We have gathered to worship at God's command.

Leader: Listen for the unfamiliar voice you have ignored.
Listen for the solemn charge God gives.

People: We are called away from things we have pursued as gods.
Our iniquity has separated us from the one true God.

Leader: Wonderful are the thoughts and works of God!
God's light is ready to shine in our hearts.

People: Even clay jars can be open to the light.
May the power of light cleanse and heal us!

Special Music

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Invocation

Speak to us, O God, for your servants are trying to listen. Amid the noisy claimants for our attention, our ears tingle at the prospect that you have a message for us. Here we are, gathered that you might search us and know us. We are wonderfully made in your image. Inspire us to live up to that image. Show us how to proclaim Jesus Christ in our daily decisions so we can witness to your love through deeds of kindness and words that empower. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved, hear the Good News: Jesus Christ died for us while we were still sinners, and that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

Hearing God's Word

The Children's Time to Lead Us

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:23-3:6

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God **People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Keeping Sunday”

Rev. Laurie Bruce

Affirmation of Faith

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Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Transforming Our Lives & the World

Prayers of the People

Loving God, whose law of love is greater than all our human ordinances, and whose care for humankind exceeds all our deserving, lead us to look for the good in our neighbors, and to celebrate the goodness we observe, that together we might grow toward your perfect intent for us in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

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. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"Hope of the World"

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. Amen.

Special Music

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Benediction

Postlude

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

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