**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 18, 2021**

**Thank you for Connecting for Worship**

**Today’s Leadership includes**

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Hare

Presiding: Tracy Fairfield

Song Leader: Deborah Handley & Jerry Johnson

Musician: Jacob Greenan

Technical Support: Jeremy Wright

*People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.*

**We Gather as God’s People**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement Michael**

As we gather in this place, we give thanks for land on which we live, work, and play and acknowledge that is the unceded lands of the Stó:lō  people. We acknowledge the commitment that they have made since time immemorial caring for the land and the waters.  May we learn from them and walk with them to the time when we shall all stand reconciled before God.

**Lighting of the Rainbow Candle Michael**

Lighting this Candle, we remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit is available to all of God’s Children. We acknowledge that many people whose sexual and gender identity is not considered the norm of our culture have been denied a place at the table of Grace. Yet the Spirit welcomes them. In humility and love let us do the same.

**Lighting the Christ Candle Michael**

We light this candle as a sign of God’s Spirit at work in the world.

**May its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.**

Call to Worship Michael

O come, let us sing to God,

**let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.

**let us joyously shout to God with songs of praise.**

You are indeed our God,

**we are your people, the flock that you shepherd.**

Prayer of the Day Michael

**Holy God of Israel, draw us near to you so that,**

**in place of hostility, there may be peace;**

**in place of loneliness, compassion;**

**in place of aimlessness, direction;**

**and in place of sickness, healing;**

**through Jesus Christ,**

**in whom you draw near to us. Amen**

**Hymn: “God is Here” VU 389**

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,*

*may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.*

*Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts*

*wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;*

*Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.*

*Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,*

*here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;*

*here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.*

*Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship*

*to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*God of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt*

*keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.*

*Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;*

*we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

**Children’s Time Tracy**

**Hymn: “Let us Build a House” MV 1**

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,*

*a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.*

*Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;*

*here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,*

*all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,*

*where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.*

*Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;*

*here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,*

*all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;*

*a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.*

*Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;*

*as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known.*

*Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face;*

*let us bring an end to fear and danger:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.*

*Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;*

*let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome,all are welcome in this place.*

**Call to Confession: Michael**

Even our best intentions go awry

when we are not at one with God’s purpose.

Our gracious God journeys with us

and provides for us with unending mercy, patience and kindness

so that when we repent we find ourselves forgiven.

Let us confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others.**

**We have sinned in what we have done,**

**and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins,**

**forgive us all that is past and raise us to newness of life. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon Michael**

Though we have abandoned God’s ways,  
God’s love and faithfulness will not be withdrawn.  
In Christ Jesus there is forgiveness and healing.  
At the cost of his own blood, he has reconciled us to God.  
Dearly beloved, our sins are forgiven; be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

**We Listen for the Word of God**

**2 Samuel 7:1-16**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

## Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

30The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Michael**

**Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” VU 331**

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;*

*we are his new creation by water and the Word;*

*from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be his living servant people, by his own death set free.*

*Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;*

*one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.*

*One holy name professing and at one table fed,*

*to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.*

*Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,*

*by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,*

*yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?‘*

*But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,*

*we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;*

*till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,*

*and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,*

*and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.*

*Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them,*

*the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

**We Respond**

**Prayer Introit VU 400 “Lord listen to your Children Praying”.**

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love send us power, send us grace!*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession Tracy**

**Prayers from the Chat Tracy**

**Lord’s Prayer (*spoken)***

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil

for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

**Acknowledging our Gifts for the work of God Michael**

We give thanks for your financial offerings made through cash, cheques mailed or dropped off, Pre-Authorized Remittance and online donations. Together with your donations of time and work, they are used to further God’s mission through the work of these congregations. We present these gifts as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all blessings flow.

**Doxology: “When We Are Living” VU 581 Vs.2**

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.*

*Good works of service are for offering.*

*When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.*

**Offertory Prayer**

**O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving.**

**Help us in all we do to offer ourselves**

**as a true and living sacrifice;**

**through Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Hymn: “I Feel the Winds of God’’ VU 625**

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,*

*though heavy oft with drenching spray*

*and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water’s crest,*

*and Christ my bark will use,*

*I’ll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,*

*until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;*

*if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,*

*O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I’ll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown;*

*lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.*

*Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.*

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.*

**Benediction Michael**

**Sung Response: “When We Are Living” VU 581 (Verse 2)**

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