

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, July 18, 2021**

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**PRELUDE** You Are My Hiding Place Michael Ledner  
(Duet: Barbi Gardiner/Kelli Smith)

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG** *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* ELW # 786 (Public Domain)

**GREETING** (ELW p. 98)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And, also with you.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**  
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**  
**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**  
**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**  
**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**  
**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**  
**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**KYRIE** (ELW pages 184-185, setting 8)

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Glory to God* (ELW pages 185-186, setting 8)

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** A reading from **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up

shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23**      *Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy*  
(Duet: Rick Strine/Barbi Gardiner)

**Shane Barnard**

**SECOND READING:** A reading from **Ephesians 2:11-22**

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—  
<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW page 188, setting 8)

**GOSPEL:** The holy gospel according to Mark 6:30-34, 53-56      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He 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. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As 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.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And 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.  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* ELW #676 (Public Domain)

**THE APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Restore your creation, O God. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another here and in our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And, also with you.**

**OFFERING** *Thine the Amen* ELW# 826 stzs. 1,5 (Augsburg)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Please gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**LORD'S PRAYER** (ELW p. 112 left side)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.  
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. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**COMMUNION** *Lamb of God* (ELW page 191, setting 8)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* ELW #536 (Public Domain)

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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