



Summer 2023

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 2,, 2023

*FOR THE PROMISE IS FOR YOU, FOR YOUR CHILDREN,  
AND FOR ALL WHO ARE FAR AWAY, EVERYONE WHOM THE  
LORD OUR GOD CALLS*  
ACTS 2:39

FILLED BY GOD'S SPIRIT - SERVING IN TODAY'S WORLD



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INTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

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CONFESSION

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**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned 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.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen**

SONG:: THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE

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1. Lord I come to You  
Let my heart be changed renewed  
Flowing from the grace  
That I found in You  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the pow'r of Your love

2. Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living ev'ry day  
By the pow'r of Your love

**(Chorus)**

**Hold me close  
Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near  
Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love**

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PRAYER OF DAY

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,,,, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 10:40-42

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The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 10th Chapter

**Glory to you O Lord**

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

The Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

MESSAGE: OUR CORE VALUES: DIVERSITY

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SONG: ACS 1038 GOD WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE

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1. God, we gather as your people to raise our song above, And we dare to claim the promise of your love. Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.

**(Chorus)**

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, flinging he church doors open wide. May there be room enough for everyone inside**

2-Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be, that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest. May they in your love find rest. (Chorus)

3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame, so afraid of who they are and whom they love. May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew. (Chorus)

4. God, we’re working for the future when children far and wide can live their lives with dignity and pride. As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. (Chorus)

# APOSTLES CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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The Peace of the Lord be with you all

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with your neighbor in a non-contact manner*

# COMMUNION

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Lord remember 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**

*We welcome you to communion today. Please know that no matter how the world classifies you or you may classify yourself we invite to come to Christ in the Lord's Supper today.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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**We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love of one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

# BENEDICTION

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## SONG: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

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(Chorus)

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord**  
**Open the eyes of my heart**  
**I want to see You**  
**I want to see You**

(Verse)

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

(Bridge)

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

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# DISMISSAL

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Go in peace and serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

# KEEPING IN OUR PRAYERS

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*Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. James 5:13 (NRSV)*

- **Lola Weedon, Justin Gingeleske, Diane Ebeling, Bev Currier, Russell Dawson, Emily Freely, Joanne Paras, Dick Peterson, Mabel Rapp, Carl Swenson, and Carolyn Swenson for healing**
- **Our homebound- Chris Mancinelli, Fong Yee, Helga Schalpe, Bill Culver, Eleanor Willert**
- **For Peace in Ukraine, Russia, and the Sudan**
- **For Operation Warm Heart at Zion Lutheran Church in Rahway– that the city will allow it to reopen next year.**
- **For an end to mass gun violence**

## BIBLE STUDY: RUTH RESCUED BY THE REDEEMER

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Wednesdays 1PM (see Heidi Klebaur for location)

3rd Tuesday 7Pm in the Library

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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**NEXT WEEK:**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 9TH 9:30 AM**

**Our Core values: Interdependence: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**



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