

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 27, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God of hosts, draw near to us in our need and bless us with Your presence.
Quiet our fears before Your Holy Majesty and surround us with Your grace.
So, lift us up in this time of worship that we may serve confidently as
representatives of Your realm. In Jesus' name. AMEN**

OPENING HYMN: "Immortal Love, Forever Full"

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807–1892; Tune: William V. Wallace, 1812–1865

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| 1) Immortal Love for ever full,
For-ever flowing free,
For-ever shared, for-ever whole,
A never-ebbing sea. | 3) The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again. |
| 2) We may not climb the heavenly
steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown: | 4) O Lord and Master of us all,
What-e're our name or sign,
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
We test our lives by Thin |

CALL TO CONFESSION

We who have mishandled the sacred gifts of life, while conspiring to control the course of events in our own favor, are called to this time of confession. The more we know of God, the more we realize how far short we fall of God's purposes for us. Come to God in honest self-examination and desire to live as God intends.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Ruler, we have tried to hide from You our self-concern, deceits and dirty hands. Because we do not see great evil within us, we turn away from confession of sin. Our minor flaws seem insignificant before the horrors we discern on every hand. We find it hard to accept responsibility for the inequities that enrich some and impoverish others in a world where You claim all human beings equally as Your children. Convict us of our responsibility and our need for Your salvation in Christ, in whose name we silently pray for forgiveness and insight.

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If God marked iniquities, who could stand? Yet there is forgiveness from the source of life. There is power to redeem us from the most grievous sin. God offers steadfast love to re-center our lives. When we revere God, all else in life is seen in a new light. Our brokenness is healed. Our priorities are changed. Praise God!

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 130, Mark 5:21–43, II Corinthians 8:7–15

PSALM 130

A song of ascents.

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

² Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

⁶ I wait for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

⁸ He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

MARK 4:35-41

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰ And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. ¹¹ Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. ¹² For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, ¹⁵ as it

is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Children are invited to attend Sunday School following the Children's Message. Parents may pick their child/children up in the Sunday School wing at the close of Worship.

SERMON: "Respond Generously"

HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Frances R. Havergal; Henri A.C. Malan; Arr. by Dave Cleveland
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1) Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.

2) Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King,
Always, only, for my King.

5) Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy Royal throne.
It shall be Thy Royal throne.

3) Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

4) Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

ENDING

Take my heart, it is thy own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Leader: Continue to excel in everything. Serve with eagerness, faith and love.

People: **We seek to share the best that we know. We want to pass on the love we have received.**

Leader: Dare to be generous with your time and resources.

People: **Together, we have been empowered. Apart, we will continue to feel God's touch.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Grace Greater Than All Our Sin"

Words: Julia H. Johnston; Music: Daniel B. Towner (Moody).

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- 1)** Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

- 2)** Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. **[Refrain]**

- 3)** Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? **[Refrain]**
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