

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

June 6, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Spirit of the Living God, be with us here, lest we depart from Your purposes and lose heart in the face of affliction. Soothe our hurts and renew our inner nature so we may serve as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "That Great Love"

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1) Let us in love share that same love,
That Great Love we have received;
Without reason or condition
Let us love as we are loved.
It's the love that gives away all,
It's the friend that lays life down.
Oh how precious to be loved thus!
Spread it 'round, let love abound.

3) Let us love all who are loved by
That Great Love who loves us all
No exception, nor omission,
Let us love them one and all.
Love the stranger, love the outcast,
Love the beggar and the thief;
Undeserved we have been loved,
Let us give as we receive.

2) Let us love the One who loves us,
That Great Love who loved us first.
No excuses, no evasion,
Let us love our God like this:
Love with passion and abandon
Without pause and without cause
Every last child that is loved by
That great Parent of us all.

4) Let us in love share that same love,
That Great Love we have received;
Without reason or condition
Let us love as we are loved.
It's the love that gives away all,
It's the friend that lays life down.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

The more we walk with Christ, the more we realize our desperate need for forgiveness and healing. Sometimes we seem in the grip of forces beyond our control, while at other times we knowingly pursue what is evil and destructive. God does not turn away from us when we fail, but eagerly awaits our return. Come to God with all your burdens of wrongdoing and acknowledgement of good left undone.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Be merciful to us, O God, for we have wandered from Your ways and pursued the gods of this world. We are more concerned with position and success than with service and faithfulness. We are frightened by the storms of life and begin to lose heart, as if we had no one but ourselves on whom to rely. We blame you for the destruction we bring on ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God, and help us. Hear our prayers ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The One who raised Jesus from the dead offers us new life today. Our sins are forgiven. Our lives are cleansed. Our inner nature is being renewed. God does not forsake us. We are the work of God's hands, the object of steadfast love. Meet the world with the assurance that you are loved, valued, and empowered as an ambassador of God.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 138, II Corinthians 4:8-5:1

PSALM 138

of David.

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name for your

unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.

³When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

⁴May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,
when they hear what you have decreed.

⁵May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.

⁶Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life. You stretch out
your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.

⁸The LORD will vindicate me;
your love, LORD, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-5:1

⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹²So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Awaiting the New Body

^{5:1} For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Do Not Lose Heart"

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

BENEDICTION

God sends us forth. We will not lose heart in the face of affliction. We will not give in to discouragement when opposed. Because we believe, we go out to speak, Knowing that God will raise us with Jesus.

CLOSING HYMN: "Are We Yet Alive?"

Author: Charles Wesley (1749); Music: Johann G. Nageli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845
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1) And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give,
For His almighty grace.

2) Preserved by power divine
To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join,
And in His sight appear.

3) What troubles have we seen,
What mighty conflicts past,
Fightings without, and fears within,
Since we assembled last.

4) Yet out of all the Lord
Hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford,
And hides our life above.
