

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

Eleven O'clock

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it."

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Congregation: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: With joy let us enter this holy place, and surely the Spirit of God will meet us here. With gladness let us worship, sing and pray, for we are baptized people and all the promises of God are ours.

Congregation: **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Michael Fischer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 92

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;  
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;  
For you have made us glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and we shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

HYMN 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"  
Verses 1,3, 4

SERMON

*A Mystery Story*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of  
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY SOLO

"All Good Gifts"  
Larry Ramsey

arr. Stephen Schwartz

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.

Congregation: **Through your goodness we have good gifts to share.**

Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.

Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**

All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*, in unison

HYMN 853

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

CHARGE (in Unison)

**Let us now go out into the world in peace to be of good courage;  
holding fast to what is good; rendering to no one evil for evil;  
strengthening the fainthearted; supporting the weak,  
helping the afflicted, honoring all people;  
loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Brian C. Howell

Please remain seated so that all worshippers, in the sanctuary and online,  
may enjoy the blessing of the music

HYMN 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"  
Verses 1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

**Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours  
out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives,  
keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before  
your throne; for you live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SERMON TITLE & SCRIPTURES

**Sunday, June 20**

*4th Sunday after Pentecost / Graduation Sunday*

Mark 4: 35-41

"Bringer of Peace"