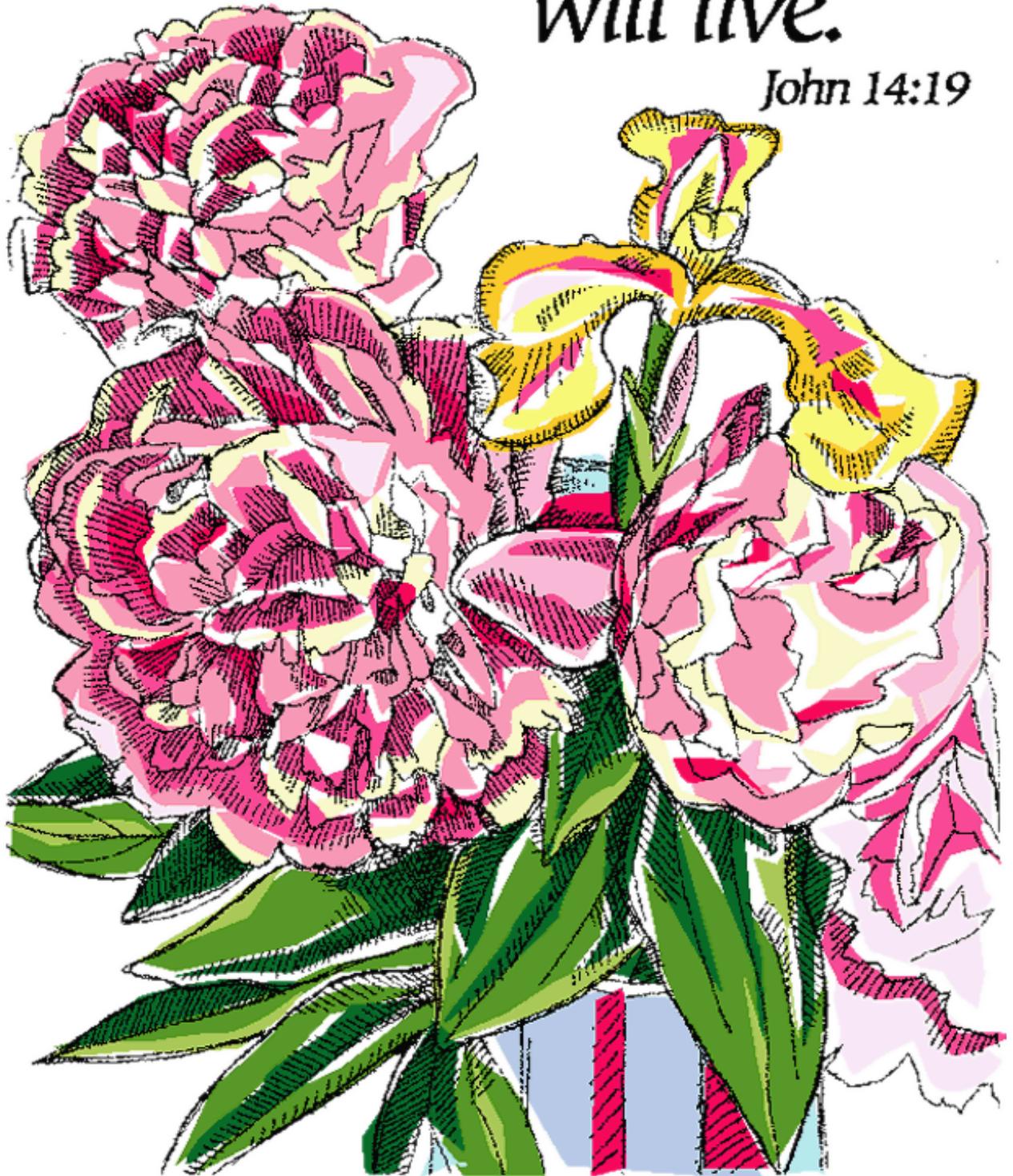


*Because I live,
you also
will live.*

John 14:19



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Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

All: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Spirit of life and love, we gather together in different ways
this morning,

All: from computer screens and from telephones;

L: We gather, reaching out across the wires, waving from a
safe distance,

All: to come together in faith community.

L: From living room to front porch to car seat, we gather as
we are able, ready to be of service to each other and the
world,

**All: Ready to build the community of hope and of love, as
we face this bright morning.**

L: We are apart, but we are together, offering our love, our
commitment, our hope and our prayers, in service to one
another and this world.

**All: It is a new way, but an old way, that we come together
in worship today.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*P: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in
us.*

**All: But when we confess our distractions, our errors, and
our anxieties, God meets us and renews us.**

*P: Before God and God's people, we confess that we have
been reluctant to speak out clearly,*

All: naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision.

P: Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance

**All: to receive our calling as God's people, made by God
and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and
joy.**

*P: Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service
and recharge us with your Word.*

**All: Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way
of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.**

Silence for Reflection

P: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours.

All: That promise comes true now. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

INVOCATION

P: Hear our prayers, O God, as we come to sing your praises.

All: Bless us with your steadfast love, in times of peace and in times of trial.

P: Make your presence known to us this day, for we seek to know you better.

All: Enliven us with your Spirit of truth, and increase our faith, even as we place our hope and trust in you.

LITANY

L: God remembers and visits us and restores us to the community of faith.

All: In our pain, suffering and loss, we know the assurance of God's presence.

L: When we have opposition and hopeless situations, God bears us up on eagles' wings.

All: In the loneliness of our firm idealism, God grants healing and transformation.

L: Whatever we need as we gather to worship, a merciful and loving God meets us here.

All: We assemble with high expectations that God has much good in store for us.

L: The good gifts God bestows on us here are for our use in reaching out to others.

All: We want to use our talents in the service of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.

All: In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL

L: Listen for the word that stands the test of time. Listen for the word that lives and moves among us.

All: We will listen for the word that God is speaking to us this day.

GOSPEL . . . *John 14:15-21*

Jesus said to the disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

L: Keeper of our souls, when we go astray, help us return to you, shepherd and guardian.

All: May the words we have heard resonate within us like a drum in the valley, and may its echo never fade. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways.

All: Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Your commandments are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

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

All: 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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The peace of God be in your heart

All: The grace of God will be in our words.

P: The love of God be in your hands

All: The joy of God will be in our soul and in the song that our life sings.

DISMISSAL

L: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

SINGING BOWL

Pastor: Tim Huff

Lay Liturgist: Ann Harren

Lectors: Alex and Zach Harren

Music: Leilani Camara and Dean Sieglaff

Video Editing: Carmen Blair



*It was Love
not nails
that held Jesus
to the cross.*