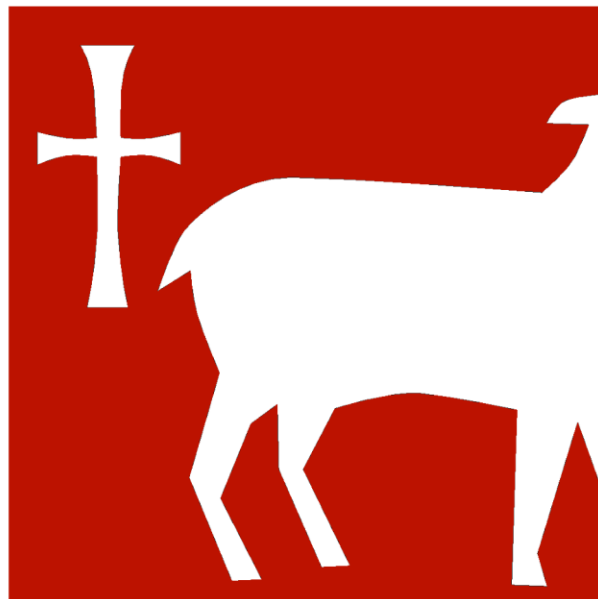


**"See, I am
sending
you out
like
sheep**



**into the
midst of
wolves;**



**so be wise as
serpents**

**and innocent as
doves."**

Matthew 10:16



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Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. These were dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the United States of America.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

PRAYER AGAINST RACISM

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

P: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

All: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

P: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

All: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

P: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the darkest valley,

All: at the banquet table;

L: in the hard work of life,

All: at the moments of ease;

L: in our day-to-day reality,

All: at times set aside—

L: like this time, now—

All: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

L: with every step we take:

All: goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.

A POURING OF LIBATIONS

P: First Pouring: to acknowledge God our source, our Creator, the Giver of Life.

All: Amen.

P: Second Pouring: to acknowledge the full presence of God with us - Source, Savior and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: Third Pouring: to acknowledge our ancestors, the great cloud of witnesses now one with God.

All: Amen.

P: Fourth Pouring: to acknowledge the generations that fought died and led us to freedom from slavery, persecution, Jim Crow laws, and inequitable access to rights and resources in this society.

All: Amen.

P: Fifth Pouring: to acknowledge, those who have led the struggle for freedom in recent times and even now. We name them with our voices and in our hearts as we pour thanking God.

All: Amen.

P: Sixth Pouring: to acknowledge our children and our children's children. The generations of hope and promise entrusted to us by the Grace of God. We pour in thanksgiving and in hope.

All: Amen.

P: Seventh Pouring: to acknowledge God our Source, our Savior Jesus the Christ, our Sustainer and Counsel and Comforter the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

A LITANY FOR RECONCILIATION

L: Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.

All: Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness.

L: Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer.

All: Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act.

L: Bless those who are called to reconcile on a large-scale – politicians, world leaders, leaders of business, and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict.

All: Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, and bringing people and nations together.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself.

All: Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

All: With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening... for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

GOSPEL . . . *Matthew 9:35-10:23*

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the

crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and

kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Touch these gifts, O God,

All: with your manifold blessings.

L: Touch our very lives,

All: that we may be instruments of your hope.

L: May our gifts and our lives,

All: bring your healing, love, and compassion to a world in need. Amen.



THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Holy One, we have created divisions you will not own. In places of conflict, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who care for all forced to leave their homes. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Heal those who are sick. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Prepare us to labor and gather the fruits of this congregation, that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

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: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: We will walk the sacred path each and every day.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God's people.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

SINGING BOWL

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Lector: Sharon Pickering
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