

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

GATHERING

*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Look around you and see where we are,

P: We are standing on holy ground.

L: Shake the dust off from your shoes,

P: We are ready to start afresh.

L: Let us then worship God and receive Christ's teachings, that we may be renewed and strengthened to share God's love with the world.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *"Freedom is Here"*

*SONG OF PRAISE *"Alive"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER FOR FREEDOM

CONFESSION AND PARDON (RESPONSIVELY):

P: Holy Creator, we have refused to give our neighbors the honor they deserve.

We have rejected others, as Jesus was rejected before us.

Status drives us.

Gossip lures us.

Reputations gain more traction than the entirety of the person in front of us.

We choose chaos over kindness, and disconnection over spiritual bonds.

May our hearts repent, returning to your voice.

May our souls reconnect, returning to our neighbor.

May our minds renew, returning to the ones you created us to be.

May your grace abound. Amen.

- *(please take a moment to offer prayers of confession to God in silence)* -

Words of Assurance:

L: Shame lives within us no more. God's grace is sufficient for all.

May the power of Christ dwell in our souls, elevate our spirits, and nudge us to grow in our relationships.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved, forgiven, and have received the gift of life!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved, forgiven, and have received the gift of life!

ALL: Glory to God! Amen.

OBSERVE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

With an outstretched hand, and an open heart, I invite you to greet one another at a distance saying to each other, "The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**"

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Celebrating Our Freedom

Rev. Jim Rogers

"Discipleship Isn't Free"

OFFERTORY

*please consider giving a donation to LUMC Snack Sack Ministry today.

*SONG OF PRAISE

"King of Kings"

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (RESPONSIVELY):

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamor and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever. Amen.

Meghan F. Benson (former Chaplain of Duke Div.)

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

"The Blessing"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able