

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 12, 2020

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of hosts, renew in us the hope that survives disappointment and the faith that rises above ridicule. Help us to stand for what is right and to champion the cause of those who have no voice or power of their own. You, O God, are the source of life. By Your Spirit, we are Your daughters and sons and are sisters and brothers to one another. Equip us to live as members of Your family, uniting in Your worship and praise. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: *"Blessed Assurance"*

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echos of mercy, whispers of love.

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Repeat Chorus

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

“Goodness”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have gathered to find release from the cares of life which sap our energy and depress our spirit. We have come seeking deeper roots for our faith and the ability to survive and thrive amid life’s thorny pathways. We open all the hidden places of our lives to the light of God’s forgiving love, that we might be cleansed, healed, and set free from sin. God knows our need for this time of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we know You understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of You Spirit dwelling in us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of Your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for You.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we have the opportunity to grow in understanding and in the joy of serving others in Christ’s name. Our lives are transformed by our new attitude of gratitude.

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 55:10-13 Matthew 13:1-23

SERMON: “Keep Sowing”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Carry the lamp of God’s Word into the week ahead.
Share its light with all you meet.

CLOSING HYMN: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: No Bell Choir Rehearsal, Monday, July 13.

CONSISTORY MEETING: Monday, July 13 at 7:00 PM in the Grove Building.

GRIEFSHARE: Tuesday, 6:45 PM in the Grove building. All our welcome. It is not necessary to attend every session to be a member of this group.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: Items Needed: 64 oz. Jars of Juice, 8 oz. Packages of Shredded Mozzarella Cheese, Applesauce Cups, Plastic Jars of Jelly and Honey-nut Cheerios. Items can be dropped off Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at St. David's Lutheran Church.

THE UPPER ROOM: The Upper Room is a print devotional and can usually be found on the octagonal table towards the back of the Sanctuary.

Due to COVID-19, The Upper Room has made the daily devotionals available online throughout June. Copy and paste the following link in your browser to download the devotionals: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pscott8283@comcast.net) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

