

Worship: Sunday, July 3, 2016

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Committee Chair: Jennifer Legg, M. Div.

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Prelude *“There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

Gathering Around the Word

Invitation and Call to Worship (Psalm 66:1-13)

Rachel Taylor, Preacher*

All together now—applause for God!
Sing songs to the tune of his glory,
set glory to the rhythms of his praise.

Say of God, “We’ve never seen anything like him!”

When your enemies see you in action,
they slink off like scolded dogs.

The whole earth falls to its knees—
it worships you, sings to you,
can’t stop enjoying your name and fame.

Take a good look at God’s wonders—
they’ll take your breath away.

He converted sea to dry land;
travelers crossed the river on foot.
Now isn’t that cause for a song?

Ever sovereign in his high tower, he keeps
his eye on the godless nations.

Rebels don’t dare
raise a finger against him.

Bless our God, O peoples!
Give him a thunderous welcome!

Didn't he set us on the road to life?
Didn't he keep us out of the ditch?
He trained us first,
passed us like silver through refining fires,
Brought us into hardscrabble country,
pushed us to our very limit,
Road-tested us inside and out,
took us to hell and back;
Finally he brought us
to this well-watered place.

Song of Praise *“Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen! In all I say and I do; Hallelujah, Amen!”*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we long for freedom. We long to be set free from wounds of the past, from the unmet needs of the present, and from fear of an uncertain future. We long for freedom from bad habits – but more than that, God, we long for freedom from our own sin and from the sinful systems that surround us. We ask, God, that you deliver us from all that separates us from you. But God, we also ask not only for freedom *from* all of these dangers – we also ask that you grant us freedom *for* service in your kingdom. Help us to remember that your freedom means being bound to each other and being bound to you. We love you, Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #110 (Tune 1) *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

The Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture **Isaiah 66:10-14** **Galatians 6:1-10**

Meditation **“Freedom for”**

Hymn #473

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Our Response to God

Confession of Faith

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Hymn #447

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Words of Institution

Participation in the elements

“Father I Adore You. Lay my life before You. How I love You....

Jesus I Adore You..... Spirit I Adore You.....”

Intercessory Prayer

Hymn #399

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Sending of God's People

*We welcome Rachel Taylor, our speaker for today, who is a native of Raleigh but now claims the Walltown neighborhood in Durham as home. She recently graduated from a joint MDiv-MSW program offered by Duke Divinity School and UNC School of Social Work. Rachel currently works at the Center for Child and Family Health as a Home Visitor with Early Head Start. She is an active member at Raleigh Mennonite Church and serves on the board of Anathoth Community Garden.

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