

# First Sunday after Pentecost

May 30, 2021

10 am

Prelude

*Fanfare on St. Thomas*

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Welcome

**Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

Friends of God, believe this –  
God loved the world,  
God loves the world,  
we are God's beloved!

**May the truth of God's great love story  
resound within our worship today  
and renew our sense of calling.**

So let us bring our whole selves to God,  
and let us open ourselves to the Spirit's power--  
that we may go forth from this place  
to proclaim the love of God in Christ!

Opening Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*

UMH 159

(vv. 1, 3-4)

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**Refrain**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name

**Verse 1**

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign  
The hosts of God in unity combine **(Refrain)**

**Verse 3**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree  
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee **(Refrain)**

**Verse 4**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **(Refrain)**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

**Risen Lord Jesus, whose sinless hands were once stretched wide in love on the wood of the cross, we praise You for Your deathless love and for Your victory over sin, which is**

not only for us, but for all people everywhere. Renew our hearts and minds today by the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that we would share Your heart for Your people and Your vision for your Church. Transform us, Lord, and make us wholly Yours - a people who live always to proclaim Your saving love. We ask this in Your powerful name. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Anthem

*At All Costs*

Chancel Singers

Brandon Turner, soloist

Cliff Duren | Nick Robertson

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## Proclamation and Response

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### Gospel Reading

**Matthew 9:35-10:8 (NRSV)**

Then 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 labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers 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.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Message

*Grounded Faith: Harvest*

Pastor Jen Eschliman

**Celebrating the Class of 2021**  
**Presenting the Berryman Scholarship**

Liz Livermore

**Prayers of the People**

**Joys & Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

*God is Love*

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**Jen**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Jen**

**Closing Song**

*I Will Follow*

Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Reuben Morgan

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**Chorus 1**

Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move, I will follow

**Verse 1**

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight, high above my life  
I will trust in You alone

**Chorus 2**

Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move, I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose, I will follow You

### **Interlude**

Yeah, I will follow You, yeah

### **Verse 2**

Light into the world, light into my life

I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek, knowing I will find

All I need in You alone, in You alone

### **Chorus 2**

Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move, I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose, I will follow You

### **Bridge**

In You there's life everlasting

In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy, unending joy

And I will follow

### **Chorus 2**

Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move, I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose, I will follow You

### **Ending**

Yeah, I will follow You, yeah

I will follow You, yeah

I will follow You, yeah

## **Sending Forth**

**Announcements**

**Jen**

**Benediction**

**Jen**

**Postlude**

*You Shall Go Out With Joy*

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