

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Lord of All Hopefulness

~Paul Manz

Jeanne Klusewitz

Welcome

Call to Worship

This is love: Not that we loved God, but that God loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. *(1 John 4:10)*

This is the truth: God is love, and we are God's beloved. *(1 John 4:16)*

This is what we were made for: To love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves. *(Mt. 22:37-39)*

**With joy, we worship the God whose all-surpassing love knows no bounds,
and who calls us to live in love with God and each other!**

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Opening Prayer *(unison)*

God of glory and Lord of love, we come with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving for
Your perfect and unconditional love for us. As we remember who You are, we also
remember Your call to us: to live in love with You and one another. We lay our lives
before You today as an offering of worship. Speak to us and transform us, so that we
might live as Your Kingdom people, with hearts and minds that are ruled by Love. We
ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Pastor Jen

Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:16-48

The Scripture reading is from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, beginning in verse 16:

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to
abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,
not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore,
whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the

same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Jesus’ Greatest Hits: The Extensions

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

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.

Communion Song

Come to the Table

Chancel Singers - video

Michael Popham | Timothy Webb | arr. Bruce Greer

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Closing Prayer

Closing Song

Hold Us Together

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Matt Maher | Steve Wilson

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Verse 1

It don't have a job, it don't pay your bills | Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life in five easy steps | Ain't the law of the land or the government

But it's all you need

Chorus

And love will hold us together | Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper | So the whole world will know that we're not alone

Verse 2

It's waiting for you, knocking at your door
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor | And you're on your knees

Chorus

And love will hold us together | Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper | So the whole world will know that we're not alone

Bridge

This is the first day of the rest of your life | This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright it's gonna be alright **(REPEAT)**

Chorus

And love will hold us together | Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper | So the whole world will know that we're not alone

Sending Forth

Announcements

VBS

Parlor Chats/Fellowship Circles

Join the Tech Team or the Production Team

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in G Major

~GS Bach

Jeanne Klusewitz