

*God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter,
Humankind Our Family*



First Sunday After Pentecost & Celebration of Communion

Worship Leader - Rev. Charles Marie Davis

Sunday, June 4, 2023 - 10:00am

Prelude.....Music Ministry

Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Call to Worship.....Pastor Ronald Sterling

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord! Our feet
have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand, elsewhere, I would
rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of
wickedness.**

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

People: But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!

Hymn of Celebration..... "I've Seen The Lightning Flashing"
(Never Alone)

I've seen the lightning flashing, I've heard the thunder roll,
I've felt sin's breakers dashing, Trying to conquer my soul;
I've heard the voice of Jesus Telling me still to fight on:
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone.

Refrain

No, never alone, no never alone; He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone. No never alone, no never alone;
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone!

The world's fierce winds are blowing Temptation's sharp and keen;
I have a peace in knowing My Savior stands between;
He stands to shield me from danger When earthly friends are gone;
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone!

When in affliction's valley I tread the road of care,
My Savior helps me carry The cross so heavy to bear;
Though all around me is darkness And earthly joys are flown,
My Savior whispers His promise; Never to leave me alone!

He died on Calvary's mountain, For me they pierced His side,
For me He opened that fountain, The crimson, cleansing tide;
For me He's waiting in glory Upon His heavenly throne;
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone!

Prayer.....Brother Freddie Robinson

Prayer Response....."We Are One"

We are one, we are one, we are one
In the Spirit, we are one.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We are one in the Spirit, we are one.

Scripture.....Sister Laura Armstrong

Matthew 28:16-20 (English Standard Version)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Introit to the Decalogue (*Please stand for the reading of the Decalogue*)

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, by every tongue*

Contemporary Decalogue.....Sister Laura Armstrong

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not be a false witness.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.*

Announcements & Greetings to Visitors

Blessing of the Offertory *(Tithes / Offerings / Benevolent)*

Sermonic Selection.....**Music Ministry**

Sermon.....**Rev. Laurel J. Thornton**
Saint John Ministerial Staff

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Communion

Communion Hymn.....**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;*

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees...
Let us praise God together on our knees...*

Communion Elevation.....**Listen to the Lambs**
arr. Adolphus Hailstork

The Solicitation

The General Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The First Collect

The Second Collect

The Prayer of Adoration

The Prayer of Humiliation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Elements

The Prayer (*Lord's Prayer or extemporaneous prayer*)

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day, He arose from the Dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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Benediction.....**Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling**

Postlude.....**"Marche"**
by Mark Williams