

St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 18 July 2021
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
"Peace, perfect Peace"



The Sea of Galilee

Organ Music

Introit

May the grace of Christ our Saviour
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.

Welcome and responsive call to worship

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down to you;

they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.' (*Psalm 66:1-4*)

Hymn 16, Psalm 23 The Lord's my Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray. Living God, help us to remember that you are a God who never sleeps, a God on whom we can depend in any and every situation. When we feel lost and alone, teach us that you are there. When we feel overwhelmed by trouble, unsure of our ability to get through, help us to remember that you are close by.

When we feel uncertain about the way ahead, fearful of what the future may hold, teach us that you are watching over us. Help us to understand that whatever we may face, you will guide and guard us, enfolding us in your everlasting arms, and in that knowledge may we meet every day with quiet trust and glad thanksgiving.

Gracious God, you know how much we want to serve you. We have resolved to live more faithfully so many times that we have lost count, yet somehow, when the moment of challenge comes, we are found wanting.

Despite the good we long to do, we fall victim yet again to the same old weaknesses, unable to conquer the feebleness of our sinful nature.

Have mercy O God, and renew us through your Holy Spirit. Cleanse us through the love of Christ, and put a new heart and a right spirit within us.

Remind us that you are always ready to offer free and total forgiveness, no matter how foolish we have been or how many opportunities we have wasted. Teach us that the past is done with and the future is open before us. Receive then our thanks and lead us forward.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

“The Master’s Hand”



HYMN 532 Lord you have come to the seashore (vs 1,3,4)

Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side I will seek other shores.*

Lord, take my hands, and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.

Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting-place of my restless heart,
my life’s companion, my friend and refuge.

New Testament Reading Mark 6:30-34 and 53-56

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went - into villages, towns or countryside - they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Reflection "Peace, Perfect Peace"

Anthem

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Prayers of the People

Hear our prayers.

May we break down those things that separate us and others from your compassion and care.

Hear our prayers.

May we build up good relationships that support healing and wholeness and a unity that has space for everyone, with all our similarities and differences.

May we accept the compassion and care of others as we grow together.

Hear our prayers.

As talk of releasing community restrictions because of Covid19 begin, there is a chance for us to explore 'a new normal'.

Dear Lord, help us not to normalise greed, inequity, our depletion of the world's resources, discrimination and self-centredness.

Hear our prayers.

When our Lord Jesus was exhausted and wanted to go off with his disciples to some place where they could have Peace, perfect Peace, it was not to be.
Help us, like him, to put others before ourselves.

Hear our prayers.

We pray that world leaders make selfless decisions to bring peace to our world. We bring to mind the troubled lands of Afghanistan and Palestine.

Hear our prayers.

In silence we bring to you, O Lord, the lives of people who are suffering - those whom we know - and those in far flung corners of the world. We ask for your healing touch.

Hear our prayers.

We pray for our church family - for those who work tirelessly to bring our Services to fruition, and for those who provide our music and outreach fellowship. We who are still in isolation thank you for your skill and commitment.

We ask all these things in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Homework for service on July 25th

In St John chapter 21 verse 11 it says,
"So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty three of them".

WHAT, IF ANYTHING, DOES 153 MEAN?

Hymn 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;

and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

Benediction

We leave this place no longer strangers,
but members of God's own family,
brothers and sisters through the blood of Jesus Christ.
Together, we are being built into a holy dwelling place
where God lives by the Spirit.
So go out with joy and confidence
to love and serve the world,
for we do not go alone.
And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all now
and evermore. Amen.

Organ Music

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux (Messe pour les Couvents, 1690)

François Couperin

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Scripture Reader: David Austin

Prayers of the People: Marie Austin

Director of Music: Brigitte Harris

Piano: Drew Crichton

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Call to Worship: Psalm 66

Benediction – Discipleship Ministries, United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Scripture reading: New International Version

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