

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Ardmore, Pennsylvania*  
*June 28, 2020*



***The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

Prelude

*Partita on Duke Street*

Charles Callahan

*(Congregation speaks words in bold print)*

Announcements

*Gathering*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Confident of God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*A time of silence for confession*

Creator God, you gift us with love and acceptance. . .  
**but we find it easier to hate and exclude.**

You welcome us into your family. . .  
**but we build walls of selfishness and self-centeredness.**

You bless us with a circle of unending love. . .  
**but we climb ladders of success and pride.**

You call us to build a transforming Christian community. . .  
**but we are content to hide behind our fences of security.**

**Creator God, we confess our sinful human nature and our need for a Savior. We confess our own powerlessness and turn to you now for freedom and forgiveness. Amen.**

People of God, in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are given the gift of forgiveness. As we offer a cup of cold water to those in need, we share the presence of Jesus. Praise God!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.  
**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

In our worship, may our eyes be opened this day.  
**That we might see the beauty and bounty of God's gifts.**

May our eyes be opened this day.  
**That we might see our need for God's grace.**

May our eyes be opened this day.  
**That we might see those who are in need.**

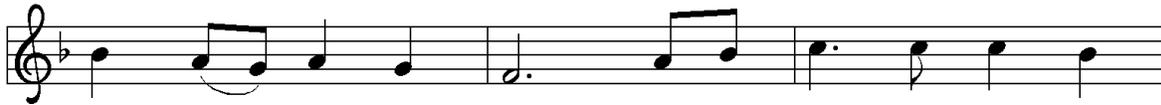
May our eyes be opened this day.  
**That we might welcome ALL to the circle of God's love.**



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

# GREETING

The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Grant us Gracious God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:

a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry;

a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;

a world where all are welcome into your circle of love;

a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build a better world which welcomes all, in your most holy name.

**Amen.**

## *Word*

Reading

Jeremiah 25:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

Reader/ A reading from Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets

who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Solo

Jessica Lennick, soprano

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

arr. Margaret Bonds

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY # 779

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## THE PRAYERS

*(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## 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 and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

As you have been loved – love.

As you have been welcomed – welcome.

As you have been fed – feed.

As you have received – give.

And may the boundless love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be always with you.

**Amen.**

SENDING SONG # 848

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love God and one another.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*Duke Street – Finale*

Charles Callahan

*Even though we are not meeting in person, the church has many fixed expenses including staff salaries and care of the building. We are also continuing our congregational support to our partner congregation Mediator, Philadelphia, and the Ardmore Food Pantry. We encourage you to continue giving to support our ministry, as you are able to in these times. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at [www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving](http://www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving).*







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