

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2020

9:00 a.m.

The Rev. Kurt Christenson, *pastor*

The Rev. Cyndi Jones, *preacher*

Bill Engel, *organ*

Paul Engel & Jan Neuhaus, *singers*

Slevcove family, *lectors*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS TO FOSTER BELONGING

Loving God

You make each living person in your image

...Your gift of love and commitment to the human race

...A seed to build a community of interdependence and respect for all life.

As we celebrate this 30th anniversary of the ADA let us be people of welcome and inclusion, open our hearts to the proclamation that “There can be no separate Church for people with disabilities. We are one flock.”

Guide our hands to build access and welcome

Guide our minds to understand the power and wisdom of human vulnerability

Guide our actions to create parish communities open to the gifts of each individual

Give us understanding that your body is incomplete if people are left behind

Give us an appreciation of the role we must play in spreading your good news to all we meet

We praise you Lord for all of your good gifts

We thank you for those pioneers who have worked tirelessly to make this a day to celebrate

We give thanks for loving parents who welcome and nurture their children

We appreciate all those living with disabilities who contribute their time and talents even in the face of obstacles or rejection

Guide us always Lord in your way. **Amen.**

From the Roman Catholic Commemoration of the Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

Rev. Bill Radatz, Mr. Jean-Claude Chamaa, Mr. Jim Lovell

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable

members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

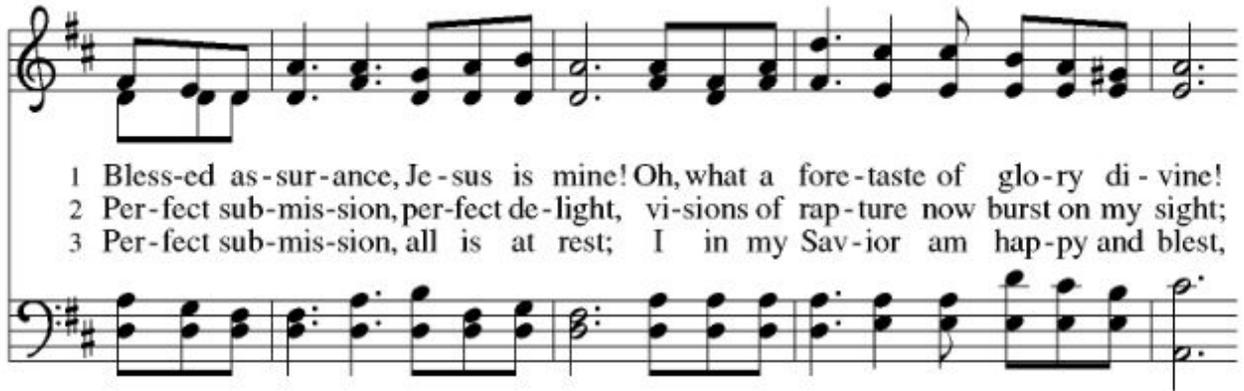
SERMON

Pastor Cyndi Jones

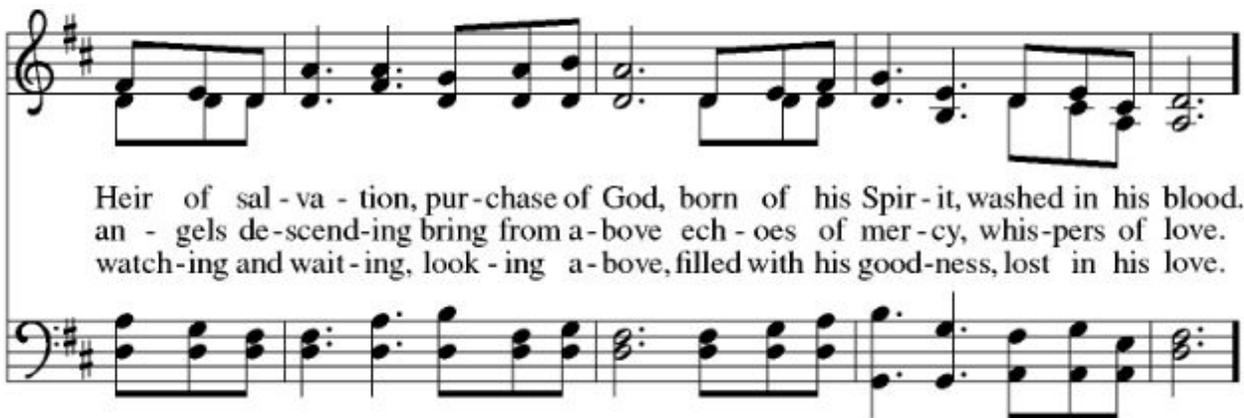
The Rev. Cyndi Jones is the Pacifica Synod Pastor for Disability Ministry. As Director of the Center for an Accessible Society, Pastor Cyndi led an effort to improve coverage of disability issues by national agenda-setting media and created What’s Next?, a mentoring program matching high school students with physical disabilities with adults with similar disabilities who are living successful lives. She led a multi-year effort culminating in the Voluntary Accessibility Housing Ordinance for the City of San Diego, implemented in 2010. She published Mainstream Magazine from 1982 until 1999 and met with President George H.W. Bush to discuss disability issues prior to the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act thirty years ago on July 26, 1990.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

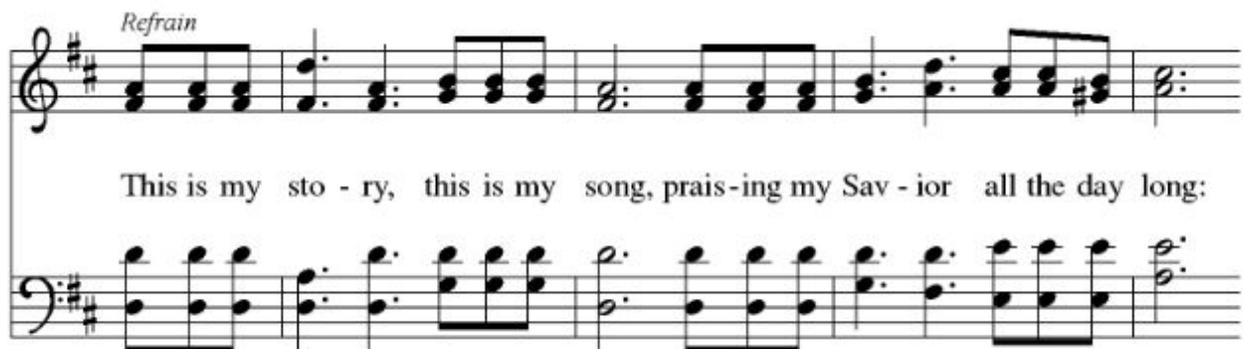


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**sung after the prayers:*

The image shows a musical score for two systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and block chords in the left hand.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE LIFT

How Blessed Is This Place, O Lord

tune: Puer Nobis

1 How bless-ed is this place, O Lord, where you are worshiped and adored;
in faith we here an altar raise to your great glory, God of praise.

2 Here let your sacred fire of old descend to kindle spirits cold;
and may our prayers, when here we bend, like incense sweet to you ascend.

3 Here let the weary one find rest, the troubled heart, your comfort blest,
the guilty one, a sure retreat, the sinner, pardon at your feet.

text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981)

music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius 1571-1621



1 I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual



5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!



Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

INVITATION INTO THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Share the Peace. Witness to them that you felt the Spirit's tug to reach out. Be sure they know you are extending yourself as a joyous act of faith.

THE LORD'S PRAYER signed by the Rev. Beth Lockard, Christ the King Deaf Church, ELCA, West Chester, PA

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION and SENDING

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE