

Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church Worship, July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost-Independence Sunday

• 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 • Mark 6:1-13 •

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

Prelude

Lift Every Voice and Sing,

Organist, Julie Pulliam

J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921,

Welcome and Announcements

Pulpit Elder, Linda Johnston

*** Call to Worship** (Please stand)

Elder

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

Your name, O God, like your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

We will tell the next generation that this is our God

who will be our guide forever.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim' # 477 see insert

Call to Prayer and Prayer for Renewal (Be seated)

Elder

Let us pray...

Forgive us, O God, for our self-important boasting.

We take credit for our strength without thought of your gifts.

When honors are bestowed, we trust them as our due.

We claim as our victories the triumphs of your grace.

You shower us with blessings, which we ignore.

You bring new life; we take it for granted.

Deliver us from our vain ways, and forgive our smug complacency.

Turn our boasting to thanksgiving for Christ's power within us.

(A time for silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Terry Olthoff

Paul declares that, "even when we were dead through our trespasses,

God made us alive together with Christ.

...For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own

doing: it is the gift of God...so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:5, 8).

Let us then boast of God's grace within us, and claim with assurance the new

life in Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Deacon Reader, Janette Powers

Mark 6:1-13

Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Terry Olthoff

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Special Music

Come, Let Us Gather

see insert

Katie Sakanai and congregation

by Michael R. Nichols

Time with All Ages

Director of C.E., Linda Valo

(As the children and youth come forward, please join in singing) Tune: Ode to Joy

God, we love this congregation! On this day, we're glad to see

friends and neighbors, gathered, praying, as a church community.

Young and old, we join in worship—some in person, some on line.

We are drawn by faith and friendship in this blessed place and time.

Sermon

Two by Two, the Ministry Goes On The Rev. Dr. Terry Olthoff

*** Affirmation of Faith** (Please Stand) The Apostles' Creed Traditional Elder

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People concluding with 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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 of the People

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

How can we thank you, God?...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Partaking of the Elements

Please use the elements you've brought or pre-filled cups and wafer provided.

Prayer after Communion

*** Hymn**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

PH #564 see insert

Charge and Benediction

Closing Sung Response

Tune: Ode to Joy

In this year, with all its trials, there are things that we have missed.

Still, In Christ you've walked beside us; by your Spirit, we've been blessed.

Love's our history, love's our vision, Love's the work we're called to do.

Bless us as our congregation moves together, serving you.

Postlude

God Bless the U.S.A.

Organist, Julie Pulliam
Words and Music by Lee Greenwood



*WPC Mission Statement
To worship God through faith and action,
To nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
To be an extended family to all,
And to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

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