

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B ..... July 4, 2021

## INVITATION AND GATHERING

### WELCOME

### CENTERING WORDS

Reflect on God's faithful love, that your leadership and service may reflect this faithful love in all you say and do.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING ..... 2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

**\* OPENING HYMN: #380..... There's Within My Heart a Melody**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy is our God,

**People: who calls us to worship in holiness.**

Leader: Mighty is our God,

**People: who calls us to lead courageously and to follow faithfully.**

Leader: Loving is our God,

**People: who calls us to live lives of service and love. Worship the Lord!**

**\* Let us pray (Congregation):**

Shepherding God, lead us in the way you would have us go. Lead us into your presence this day. Guide us in our time of worship, that we may hear your Word and answer your call. In your light and your truth, we pray. Amen.

**\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

**# 176.....Majesty, Worship His Majesty**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

Mighty God, how often we go astray. Forgive us when we misuse the power you have given us. Forgive us when we don't follow where you are leading us. Forgive us when we neglect to serve the ones who need us.

**Be our strength. Be our guide.**

**Lead us back to you, that we might embrace your power and strength, and bring your justice and righteousness to our world. Reveal where we are most needed, that we might serve and love faithfully.**

**\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: # 177 ..... He Is Lord**

### INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

What is the wisdom of Christ? What is the power of God?

Let us open our hearts and minds, that this wisdom and power may be revealed to us today.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING: ..... 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"Keep your eyes on the Lord"**

**\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 717 ..... Battle Hymn of the Republic**

**CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 ..... O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**HOLY COMMUNION ..... (on screen)**

**\* CLOSING HYMN: # 431 ..... Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**\* DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (NKJV)

**12** It is <sup>[a]</sup>doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup>And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup>how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. <sup>5</sup>Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. <sup>6</sup>For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me.

<sup>7</sup>And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to <sup>[b]</sup>buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup>Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup>And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (NKJV)

**5** Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, “Indeed we *are* your bone and your flesh. <sup>2</sup>Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.’ ” <sup>3</sup>Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup>David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup>In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

<sup>9</sup>Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And David built all around from <sup>[a]</sup>the Millo and inward. <sup>10</sup>So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.



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