

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 12, 2020

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude "Standing on the Promise"  
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

## Welcome and Announcements

Opening #353 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" *Moody*  
Matthew Smith, Music Director

## \*Unison Invocation Prayer

Gather us, Lord, from our scattered places, bring us here  
and help us to be truly present, that your presence might  
proclaim itself to us and we might receive your word.

Prayer by Laurie Zelman, *The Abingdon Preaching Annual, 2020*,  
Nashville: Abingdon Press, ©2019, p. 85

\*Song #494 "Step by Step" *Beaker*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament **Genesis 25:19-34**

A Reading from the Psalter **Psalms 119:105-112**

Your word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk.

**Your laws are fair, and I have given my word to respect  
them all.**

I am in terrible pain! Save me, Lord, as you said you would.

**Accept my offerings of praise and teach me your laws.**

I never forget your teachings, although my life is always in  
danger.

**Some merciless people are trying to trap me, but I never  
turn my back on your teachings.**

They will always be my most prized possession and my  
source of joy.

**I have made up my mind to obey your laws forever,  
no matter what.**

A Reading from the New Testament

**Romans 8:1-11**

\*A Reading from the Gospels

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

\*Response #664

"Thy Word"

*M.W. Smith*

**The Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our  
debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For  
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Offertory

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Children's Moment

Message

"Jacob: A Day with No Heroes"

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord's Table –** We practice *open communion*. All  
persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of  
this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church  
to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until  
everyone is served, then we will feast together.

**Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper –**

**Breaking of Bread –** *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

**Passing of the Cup –** *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

Communion

"Remembrance"

**The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy**

## RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

\***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship –** If the Spirit of God is  
moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to

be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song** "Amazing Grace"

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Jan Mauck, Church Pianist**

*\*Please stand if able*

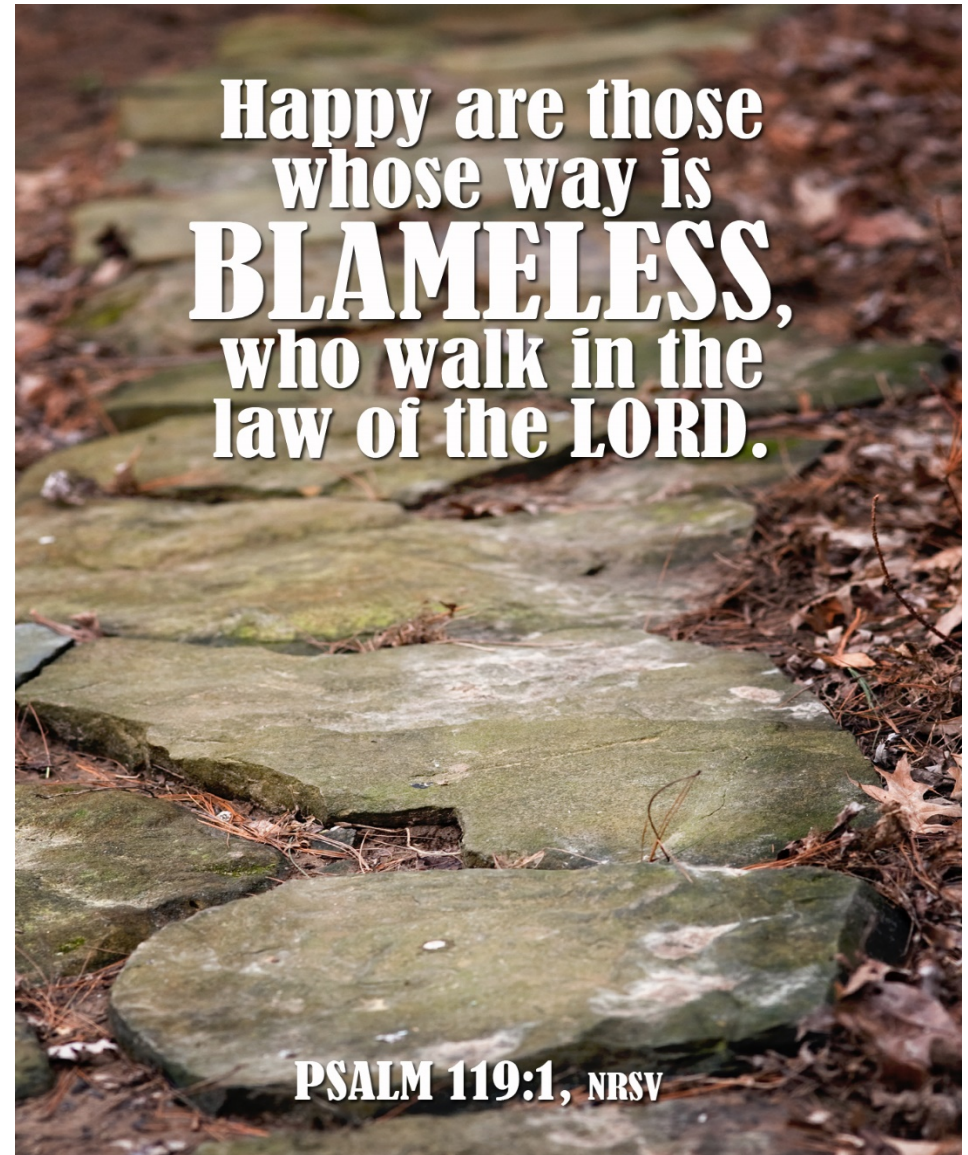
**THE LORD'S SUPPER** – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please cup your hands to receive the sanitary communion wafer and juice sealed in small containers. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to receive homebound communion delivery.

**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM** – We practice "believer's baptism" which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.



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