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20th Sunday after Pentecost



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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service
the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

Prelude/Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

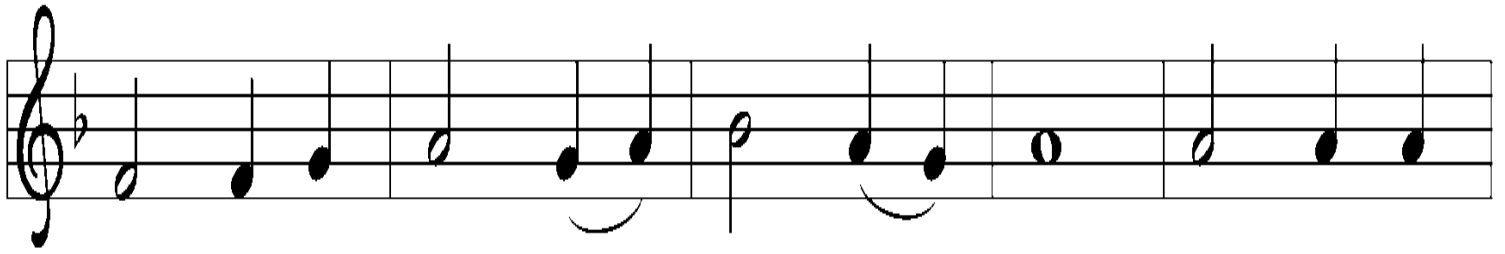
Amen.

Hear this good news:

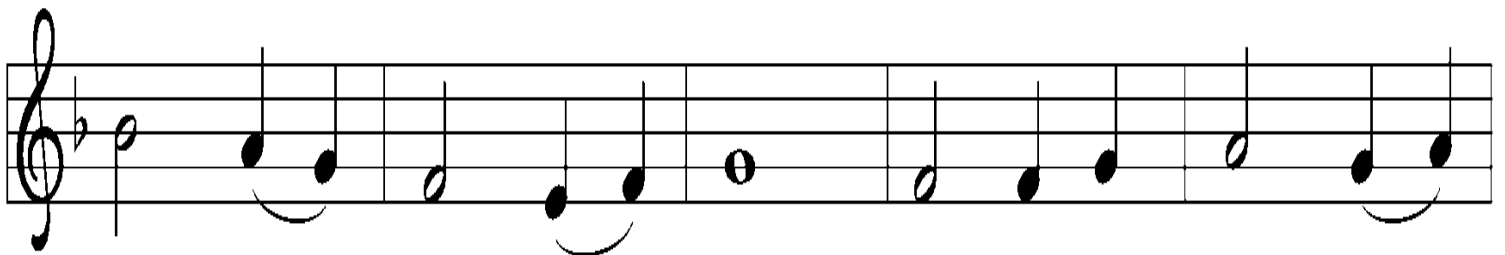
We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

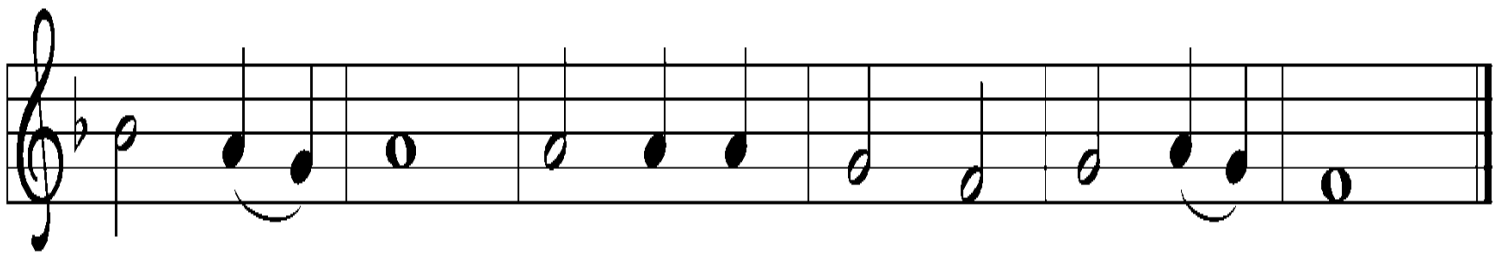
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Greeting The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with a supporting bass line. The lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly' are written below the notes.

6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by the number '6'. The lyrics 'Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er' are written below the notes.

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by the number '10'. The lyrics 'shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Call to Worship is from Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's
sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is
running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of
the LORD forever.**

The first reading is from Philippians, the 4th Chapter

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

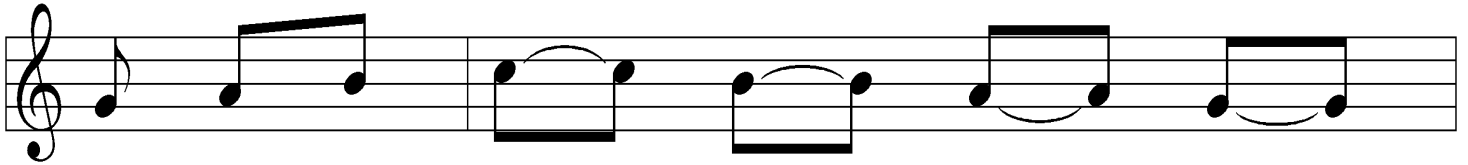
⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON – REV. BOB COTTINGHAM

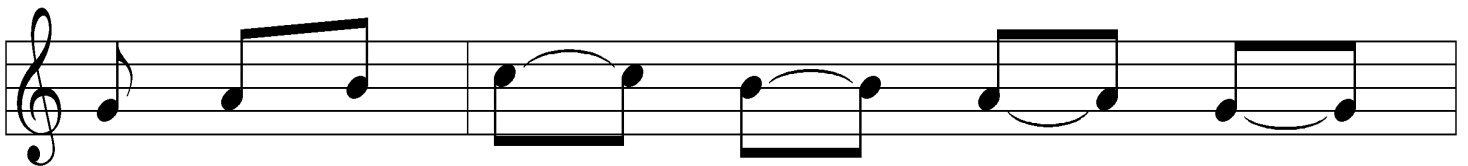
I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy



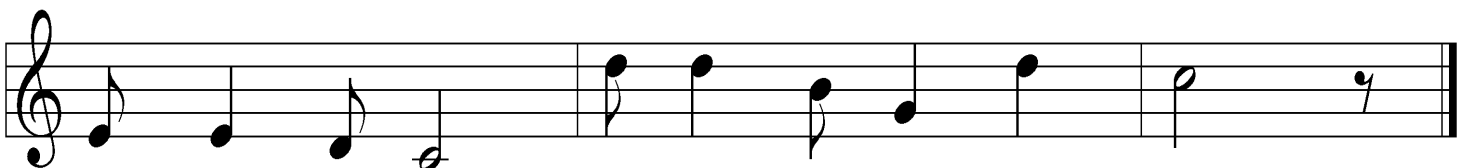
1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;



I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with
Your mercy is great)

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Offering & Special Music

Choir Anthem - Seek Ye First

Offering Prayer

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and
gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and
gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you
and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome

Blessing The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy
world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

Benediction

"Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen

Go out in joy, be led forth in peace!
Share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

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WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

READINGS FOR OCT. 18

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9,

1Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22