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Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost  
Second Corinthians 4:16-5:10  
August 16, 2020

## GATHERING

**Please print this** before you come to worship or download it to a handheld device to use during the service.

*Please social distance and all are encouraged to wear masks. There will not be congregational singing, but please hum along, clap, or wave your hands. The offering boxes are available for no-contact collection. Communion will be distributed when you come in, please wait until the Eucharistic Prayer to open them. The ushers will direct you where to sit—please let them know if you are unable to walk up the bleachers and they will seat you in the front row. If you would like to bring your own chair there is lawn space available to sit 6 feet away from other family groups.*

*While there is a playground behind the bleachers, we ask that children not play on it.*

## PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

## MUSIC OFFERING

*"Lord, I Feel So Far Away"*

## 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.**

## KYRIE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

## THE READING

A reading from Second Corinthians.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## MUSIC OFFERING

*"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"*

## APOSTLE'S 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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*The response is:*  
Faithful Lord,  
**Here our prayer.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

## MUSIC OFFERING

*"We Walk by Faith"*

## OFFERING

## OFFERING PRAYER

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## 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 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.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Phil Bickley in honor of Helen's birthday.

### *Serving in Worship*

Pr. Justin Smoot  
Joy Mitchell - Layreader  
Jenna Diedrich - Soloist

### *Pianists*

Joel Freiberg  
Al Freiberg

### *Technical Support*

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*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Loving God, you renew us when we feel our strength waning. Point us to your eternal promise, in which we are secure, through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:6-7*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

Paul is on a roll. He puts life in perspective for the Corinthians. While we live upon the earth, what we do here matters. One day we will no longer live on this earth. Our forever home is a heavenly one which cannot be destroyed.

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:10, *Walk by Faith Not Sight*

Monday, Romans 7:14-24, *The Inner Conflict*

Tuesday, Colossians 3:1-17, *The New Life in Christ*

Wednesday, Romans 8:18-30, *Future Glory*

Thursday, 2 Peter 1:3-15, *The Christian's Call and Election*

Friday, Hebrews 11:8-22, *The Faith of Abraham*

Saturday, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, *The Gift of Love*

**What do these texts say about life in Christ?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What does it mean to "walk by faith, not by sight"? How do you walk by faith? How do you walk by sight?**

**Tell a story of a time you trusted God, even when trusting was hard.**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Make a sandwich blindfolded.** Prep your space with all the ingredients you need. Then put on the blindfold and make your sandwich. Eat your sandwich with the blindfold on. Take notice of what you hear, feel, smell, and taste. What did you learn from the experience?

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God guide you as you walk by faith. Amen.**



Jesus can  
work in &  
through  
you!!

Did you  
know?!

When we're kind,  
patient, or share  
good news, we  
bring the love of  
God to other  
people!

Decorate the sunny,  
summer scene. God's  
gifts are everywhere!



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2 Cor. 4:16-

5:10

**P**aul tells us over and over to never give up. We can't forget that! Even though sometimes stuff seems to be a mess, the things that matter the most are just fine. God's love and grace, our home in heaven- all of it remains perfect. Forever!

At times heaven sounds so wonderful we can hardly wait to see it. God is so kind; he gives us a peek of heaven, right here on earth. Warm sunshine, smiles from our friends, hugs from our parents: all these things and so many more show how a little heaven is here, right now.

So we really can be happy even when the worst stuff happens. We remember that God is with us and when we die we get to be with Jesus in heaven-and heaven is our real and best home.

But let me tell you something else-and this is the most important thing of all to remember: Do your best to listen to what Jesus says every day. Follow him. Then, no matter what, you are living the best way-God's way.

Remember God has  
the best in store for  
you!!

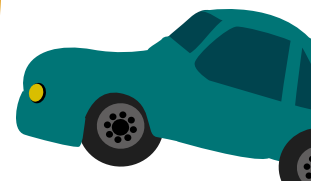
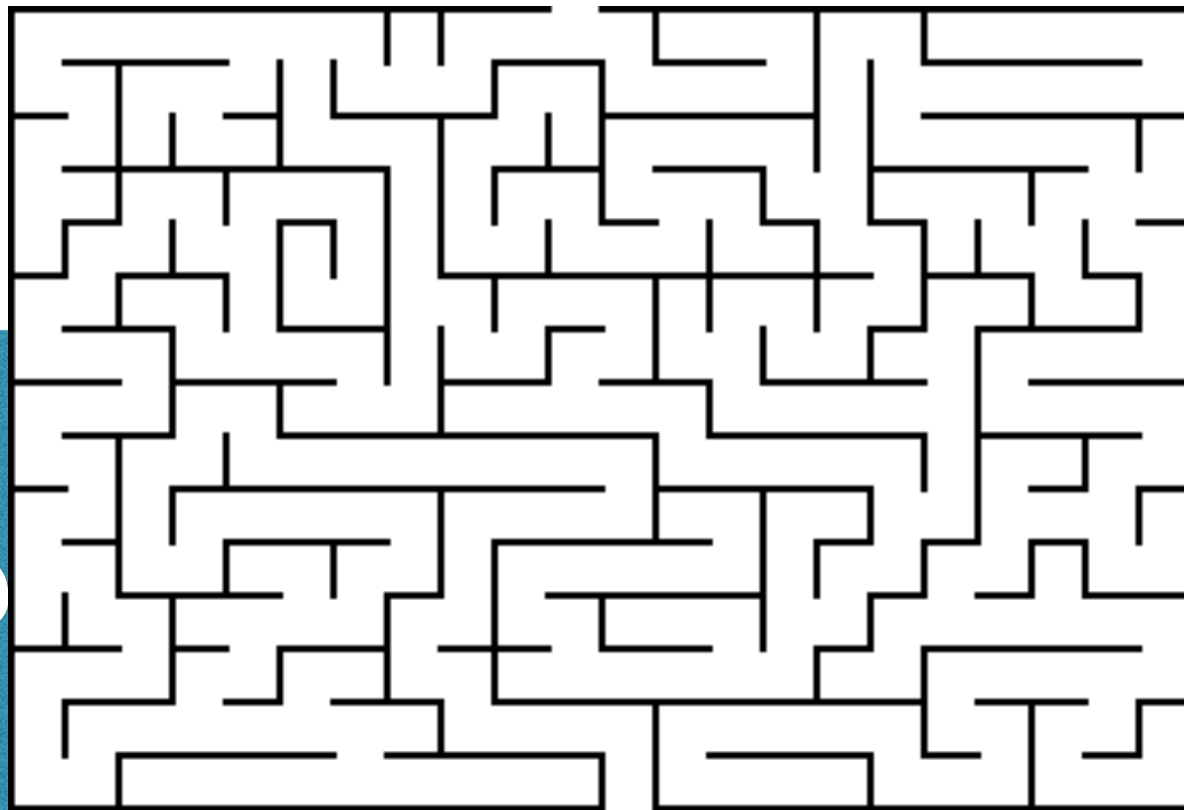
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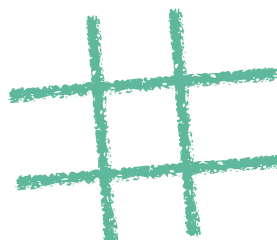
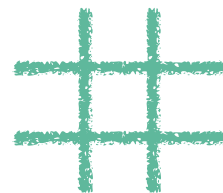


**START**

**Trust your friend to bring you through the maze.**



**Whoop,  
whoop!!**



Try  
it at  
home

Play a "Trust"  
Game with Your  
Parent

*Get a blindfold and have  
your parent or other  
trusted friend guide you  
through your home!*



*How do you gain a friend's  
trust? What do you do?*



**Good  
Question!**

