

JULY 5, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Please make sure you have bread and juice of any kind available during worship,
as we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper.*

PRELUDE — *Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace* – Taizé chant

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Though we weep by the rivers of Babylon,

All: God is here!

One: Though we feel a world away and everything we hold sacred feels lost,

All: God is here!

One: Even in exile, there is hope.

All: Even in exile, God is faithful.

One: Especially in exile, God shapes us for Christ's kingdom.

All: Especially in exile, we are molded for God's new chapter.

One: May we open our hearts to the Spirit of God, melting us and molding us anew.

All: May we open our hearts to receive God's Spirit in. Let us worship God together!

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 137

“By the rivers of Babylon— there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem's fall, how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!” O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION of FAITH - *Apostles' Creed*

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.

SACRAMENT *of* COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

POSTLUDE — *God of Memory* - Richard Leach

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Rachel Rhodes – Senior Pastor

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla – Associate Pastor

Tim Carpenter – Director of Music

Linda Smigelski – Liturgist

Prelude – Tim Carpenter; Sara Carpenter, piano

Postlude – Carol Carpenter; Sara Carpenter; Karl Helland; Drew Hunger;

Betsy Jurey; Nancy Powers; AK Rosenbaum; Mark Shockey, piano

Damon Miller – Communications Coordinator

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J' Ann Ellis, Drew Hunger, & Geoff Smith

A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much to my Church Family for the unparalleled spiritual support during my recent surgery and subsequent treatments. Your prayers, cards and telephone calls made me feel really blessed to be a member of such a wonderful body of believers. Your dedication characterizes the love and praise of God from whom all blessings flow. I have just completed my last post-surgery treatment and with God's help I am on the road to recovery.

Again, thank you for your continued help and spiritual guidance.

Carole Coates