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Peace and Joy in Every Day.
—Isaiah 55:12

The Weekly Word



Scripture Readings for Sunday, June 28, 2020
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

All Readings Have Been Included in this week's Weekly Word

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

“You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”

—Isaiah 55:12

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

■ FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

■ PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. ²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. ³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant: ⁴"I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'" ⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence. ⁶They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness. ⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted. ⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

■ SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is

■ THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Praise to you, O Christ!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

P: God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned, especially (*names*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died, especially (*names*). Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



USHER COORDINATOR NEEDED

While a date to begin worship services has not yet been set, we know that we will need someone to coordinate ushers for our services when we DO begin again. Please let Pastor John know if you are willing to help with this important service to our Reformation Family.

A note of thanks from the Parish Office...

Just taking a moment to send a huge, “thank you” for the kind cards, notes, and phone calls that I have received throughout the COVID pandemic, just to say “hello” or “thanks” for keeping you all informed.

I appreciate your kindness more than you know. I miss seeing the Reformation Family, but please know that I think of you every day.

Thank you so much for remembering me!

—Pandemic Parish Office Patti



REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE!

We recently received word that the Annual Menchville House Dinner

will be held this summer, but in a much different format due to COVID concerns. Here are the details we have thus far:

There will not be a group, sit-down dinner and program. Instead, the program will be streamed on the internet on **Tuesday, July 27th** at 5:30 p.m. The program will be available for viewing on both the Menchville House and Menchville Baptist Church websites. A Drive-Thru Dinner will take place at Menchville Baptist Church on **Wednesday, July 28th**, with a minimum donation of \$20 required. A date to begin registration has not yet been set and coordination of dinner pick-up times is still being planned.

More extensive details will be provided in the coming days and weeks as we draw closer to the event. We just wanted you to be aware of the dates for the program and dinner so you can mark your calendars accordingly. **Stay tuned!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO US ON OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER!

We are happy to announce the newest member of the Reformation Family.

Thanks to Cindy Watson for diligently coming in each week to look after our mama and baby! That loving care has really paid off. The plants are doing very well.

No baby gifts needed. Cindy regularly throws mama a "shower!"

SUNDAY, June 28th Zoom

Below are instructions for joining Zoom from your telephone. If you need the Meeting ID and Password contact Pastor John.

TO CALL INTO A ZOOM MEETING

Audio conferencing participant will need to call: **(415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788 AND follow the verbal instructions.** Enter the meeting ID you wish to join followed by the # key. You will be asked to enter your participant ID. If you do not know your participant ID, simply press the # key.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. —Philippians 4:6

