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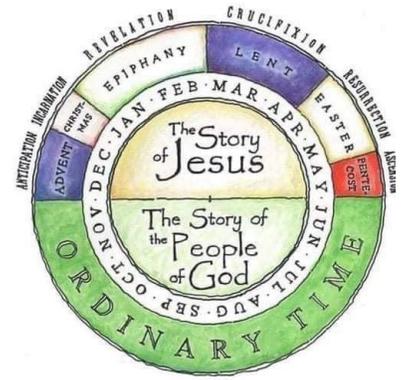
Claremont, NH

July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 12

9:00am via ZOOM

Officiant: Interim Vicar, The Rev. Susan Eibner



GATHERING HYMN:

ELW#533 Vs. 1, 2 & 5

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;

where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God looked into emptiness and created all that is.  
God spread out the earth in its diversity with  
    mountains and valleys, rivers and fertile plains.  
There were patches of flood and fire, of dryness and of vivid green,  
    embraced by wind and sea, a sun-fill landscape of hospitality.  
And, threading through it all, like weavings of golden hope,  
    were dreams of justice and compassion and gentle streams of peace.  
God gathered all peoples into community, gave a sigh of joy  
    and set us free to choose our path in a daring adventure of trust.

**This is our God.  
This is the wonder of our calling in faith.  
Let us worship God.**

*~Adapted from the Global Week of Action for Trade Justice*

**HYMN OF PRAISE (SPOKEN)**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 145:10-19** *(READ RESPONSIVELY BY HALF VERSE)*

- 10** All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**
- 11** They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
**and speak of your power;**
- 12** That the peoples may know of your power \*  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- 13** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- 14** The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**
- 15** The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
**he lifts up those who are bowed down.**
- 16** The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
**and you give them their food in due season.**
- 17** You open wide your hand \*  
**and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**
- 18** The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
**and loving in all his works.**
- 19** The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
**to all who call upon him faithfully.**

**SECOND READING:**

**EPHESIANS 3:14-21**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Unison or harmony*



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

## GOSPEL

## JOHN 6:1-21

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy

enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

*HOMILY ~ THE REV. SUSAN EIBNER*  
*Silence for reflection*

### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally  
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the  
power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THANKSGIVING***

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Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations especially The Chapel of the Holy Angels, Concord, and Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, Salem, NH. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Especially we pray for our Bishops, Michael and Rob, and our Interim Vicar, Susan. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. Especially we pray for those on our parish prayer list. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for Blessings received and ask that you fill our hearts with assurance as we bring our needs to you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts... ..**please add after your prayer, "Anyone else?"**..... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life and  
feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the lord be always with you

**And also with you**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from  
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,  
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We  
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We  
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -  
 faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance  
 when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.  
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

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## ***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING***

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, who is Creator of all life. Though our days vanish like mist, and the light of the earth fades away in the distance, still your Spirit is within all life, and every human being is born in your likeness. And so with the whole created order, with the stars that silently glisten with life's glory, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that whispers, with the chirping praise of birds and the echo of the saints, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

P: Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that all life may be nourished by your goodness. You gave to your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us, your beloved children.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he shared it with his disciples, saying, "Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God, whose generosity is unbounded and who wills that we should lack no good thing, bless this bread and this wine with your Holy Spirit.

Meet us here Holy One,

Move among us Spirit of life.

Meet us here, as we remember.

Meet us here:

Transformed and transforming,

Broken and whole, given and giving.

Meet us here, that we might receive.  
Meet us here, nourished afresh by these holy gifts, that  
We might live in you, as agents of change in your world.

Here lies new hope, new life, re-birth.  
Here are the endless possibilities of awakening your struggling earth and its people.  
Here as God brings new color to our trees and meaning to our lives  
May we respond like seeds, dying to live,  
Plunging down into fertile ground and reaching upwards to the light,  
Awakened by the Spirit's breath,  
To grow, to glory, to dance.  
Make our true colors show forth around the world that you might bring forth a new harvest.  
And we give praise to Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all  
glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER    ALL:**

**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,  
    for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered on the hillside to grow.  
Gathered, they are broken again and scattered throughout the city and world to make bread.  
The bread is scattered to each home and broken to make nourishment.  
Broken and scattered, broken and scattered,  
and some becomes Christ's body broken for us  
as we are the people of God scattered through the city and the world  
and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others. (*South Africa*)

**We hold this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.  
We fill this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.**

Wheat whose crushing was for the bread of life, fruit whose crushing was for the drink of unending  
abundance, signs of Christ's glorious rising;  
**Be known to us, O Jesus, in the breaking of bread and in the pouring of the vine's sweet fruit.**

**THE INVITATION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come! Not because it is I who invites you: it is our Lord. It is God's will for you to meet God here.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING ~

## SENDING HYMN

ELW #546

## To Be Your Presence

1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

*\* The Eucharistic Prayer is an adaptation of a Eucharistic prayer used in a Celtic Service at  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow, MA*

***Please Pray for:  
All Families separated by Social Distancing;  
Nursing Homes and Long term Care Facilities;  
The family and friends of Virginia Clark;***

Peter, Barbara, Carol, Bob, Larry, Liz, Cece, Carol B., Matt, Nancy, Jim, Carol, David, Roseann, Caroline, Karen, Lynne, Barbara, Larry, Suzanne, Jackie, David, Ellen, Russ, Susan, Jody, Pete, Janie, Bruce, Pat, Steve, Anne, Chris, Kelly, Peggy, Bev, Sue, Art, Crissan, Nancy, Jeff, Emma, Kevin, Cris, Richard, Jason, Kilee, Jesse, Gabriel, Joanna, Faith

**NEXT WEEK: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – OUTDOOR SERVICE at UNION - 9:00AM**

*“For All the Saints....”*

**Michael William Maki**  
August 18, 1955 - May 20, 2021

On **Sunday, July 25. 11AM-3PM**, the Maki family will be holding ***A Celebration of Life*** for Mike at Arrowhead Recreation Area in Claremont, NH. Mike was a committed volunteer at Arrowhead and he enjoyed giving back to his community there.

**Leonard Jay Boulanger**  
April 25, 1949 - June 25, 2021

Per Leonard's wishes there will be no services and he will be interred at St. Augustine Cemetery in Manchester, NH at a later date.

In September of 2015 Trinity Episcopal Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church joined together to begin a joint ministry in downtown Claremont. Prince of Peace sold its building and moved into Trinity Episcopal Church.

The joint ministry officially concluded with the closure of Prince of Peace on December 31, 2020. The congregations have decided to continue to meld their traditions together creating worship experiences that honor both Lutheran and Episcopal traditions.

**Lutherans are welcome to worship with Trinity Episcopal Church.**



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