

*The Sixteenth Sunday after*

# PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

11:00 A.M.



*Preaching the love of the Lord and teaching  
the people of Christ in the heart of Royal Oak  
since 1873 to Equip, Support, Serve, and  
Witness Where God Calls Us*

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*My desire is to  
depart and be  
with Christ, for  
that is far better.*

*Philippians 1:23*

# St. Paul

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## Pre-service

## “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

1 Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed you for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded,  
You may smile at all your foes.

3 Round each habitation hov’ring,  
See the could and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov’ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them on their way.

2 See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters  
And all fear of want removed.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

4 Savior, since of Zion’s city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Your name.  
Fading are the world’s vain pleasures,  
All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None by Zion’s children know.

## Opening Song

## “Better Is One Day”

Chorus 1  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere

Verse 1  
How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord Almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for  
You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your  
wings

Verse 2  
One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells

Misc 1  
(BRIDGE 1)  
My heart and flesh cry out for You  
The living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You to You

Misc 2  
(BRIDGE 2)  
Better is one day better is one day  
Better is one day than thousands  
elsewhere  
Better is one day better is one day  
Better is one day than thousands  
elsewhere

**Invocation ✠**

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

**Confession and Absolution ✠**

*Kneel or stand for confession.*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Psalm 27:1–9** *(read responsively)*

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?**

P When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,\*  
C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.**

P Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;\*  
C **though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*  
C **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | tem-  
ple.**

P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*  
C **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me  
high up- | on a rock.**

P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\*  
C **I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.**

P Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*  
C **be gracious to me and | answer me!**

P  
P You have said, | “Seek my face.”\*  
C **My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”**

P Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in | anger,\*  
C **O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my sal- | vation!**

**All Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. |  
Amen**

### **Salutation and Collect**

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on

anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

**Old Testament**

**Isaiah 55:6–9**

6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
7 let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

**Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30**

12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My

desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 20:1–16**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ 5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ 7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each

of them received a denarius. 10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**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 Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence 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.**

## Sermon Song

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.  
Chorus: I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)

## Sermon

### Offertory

Verse 1  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song  
To Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus 1  
Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is  
And is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

## “On Jordan's Stormy Banks”

I am bound for promised land.  
No chilling winds nor poisonous  
breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.(Repeat  
chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?

## “A Peek of Heaven”

*based on Philippians 1:23*

### “Revelation Song”

Verse 2  
Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning  
Rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor  
Strength and glory  
And power be to You  
The only wise King

Verse 3  
Filled with wonder  
Awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power  
Breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

## Prayers of the Church

### 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.**

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

### Closing Song

### “All of My Days”

Verse 1  
Proclaim Your awesome power  
Tell of mighty deeds  
Declare Your future kingdom  
Of everlasting peace

Misc 1  
(PRE-CHORUS)  
And my eyes they look unto You  
always  
And I am captured by Your majesty

Chorus 1  
All of my days I will sing of Your  
greatness  
All of my days I will speak of Your  
grace  
All of my days I will tell of Your  
wondrous love  
Your love in my life  
Your love

*continued...*

Verse 2

All Your works will praise You  
Your children bless Your name  
We speak of all Your goodness  
We walk in fields of grace

Chorus 1

All of my days I will sing of Your  
greatness  
All of my days I will speak of Your  
grace  
All of my days I will tell of Your  
wondrous love  
Your love in my life  
Your love

Misc 2

(ENDING)

Your love in my life  
Your love

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