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**Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

REFLECTION

"The unpayable debt I owe to C.S. Lewis was not advice as it is ordinarily understood, but sheer encouragement... Only from him did I ever get the idea that my stuff could be anything more than a private hobby." ~ J.R.R. Tolkien

PRELUDE

Psalm-Prelude No. 1, Op. 32, No. 1

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

We gather to affirm the warmth of our faith, giving thanks

For the connectedness that forms whenever Christ convenes us as a caring community.

We gather to receive the nourishment of our faith, giving thanks

For the prayers, that strengthen our spirits, and for the power that Word and Sacrament release within us.

We gather to celebrate the texture of our faith, giving thanks

For the human diversity that characterizes God's family and for the multiple ministries that call us into God's service. Amen.

HYMN No. 334

"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"

ST. PETERSBURG

With grateful heart my thanks I bring;
Before the "gods" your praise I sing.

I worship in your holy place
And praise you for your truth and grace;
For truth and grace together shine
In your most holy Word divine.

I cried to you, and you did save;
Your word of grace new courage gave.
The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord,
For they have heard your wondrous word;
Yes, they shall come with songs of praise
For great and glorious are your ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
You reign alone in heavenly height;
The proud in vain your favor seek,
But you have mercy for the meek.

Through trouble though my pathway be,
You will revive and strengthen me.

You will stretch forth your mighty arm
To save me when my foes alarm.
The work you have for me begun
Shall by your grace be fully done.
Your love forever will endure:
Your mercy, Lord, is ever sure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

You witness the sorts of lives we lead, Approaching God. Asked to share the gospel of hope, we place it on our to-do list instead. Given the chance to cry out for justice for others, we fall strangely silent. Invited to pray with joy in every moment, we prefer to grumble about every insignificant thing in our lives. Have mercy on us, God of grace, and prepare our hearts for Your forgiveness to have its way in them. Fill us with Your hope so we might lighten the shadows of others. Transform us with that tender mercy which comes from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is our witness. We have spoken of our lives and Christ has spoken words of grace and forgiveness.

We are held in God's heart, not only on this day, but all the days of our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

HYMN NO. 525, St. 3

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINUTE FOR MISSION *"Here Comes the Sun" – Church Auction*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 138

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:1-11

SERMON

"A Prayer for Friends"

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Tom Trenney

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN NO. 595

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ARGENTINE SANTO

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

CONSECRATION

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 604

"Lamb of God"

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace; grant us peace.

SHARING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Nourished by the living Word in scripture and Sacrament may we go to share God's grace in the shadowed places of our world. Support us, Lord, as we seek to share the good news of righteousness in every way we treat each person. Thank you, Lord Jesus for the gifts of hope and reconciliation which have been placed in our hearts.
Amen**

HYMN NO. 828

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ to thee;
More love to thee, more love to thee!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare Laudation"

Fenton Groden

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy
Susan Jones
Micki Hardenberg, Cantor
Duet: Billy Slater, Viola & Elsa Slater, Soprano
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers