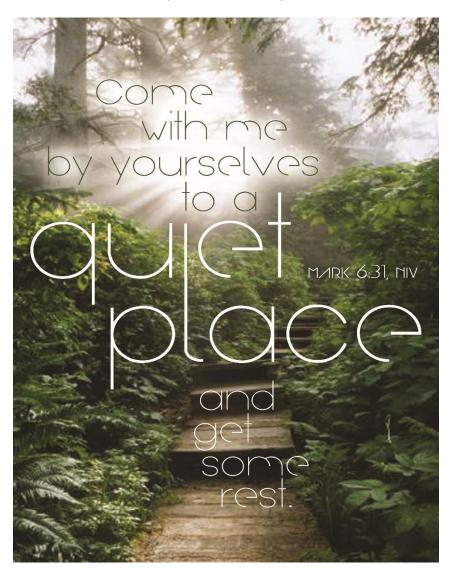
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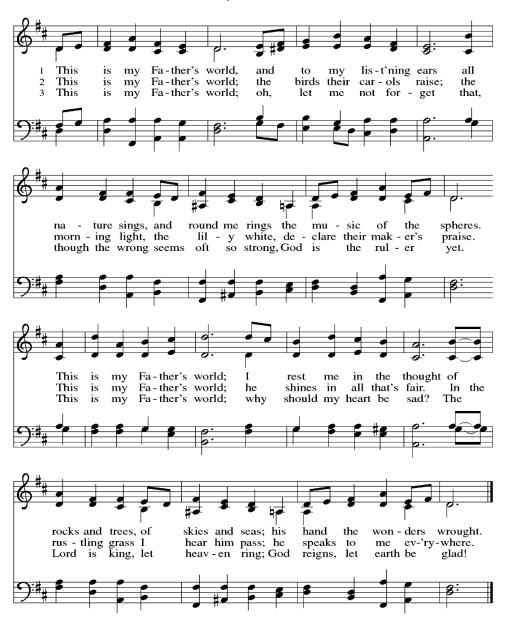
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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021

GATHERING HYMN

This Is My Father's World



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

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Oh, the Glory of Your Presence 226



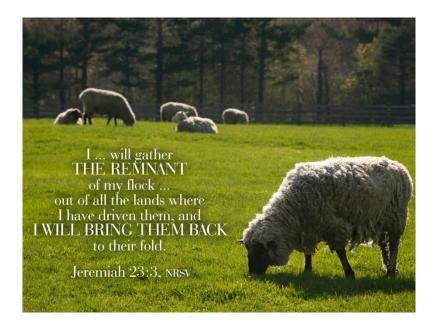
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C Amen.



Be seated

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

- ⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
- a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.
- ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



PSALM 23

- R ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 - ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 - ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 - ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 - ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stand **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



You have the words of e-ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia.



GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-44

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- ³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."
- ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.
- ³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated
SERMON
Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23 Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:
- A You, O God, are our good Shepherd, compassionately gathering us as one flock. We thank you for watching over us and leading us in your will and your ways in this world. Grant us peace in times of trouble. Help us to serve one another and the people of your world. Bless all our ministry partners, especially the Miami Valley Women's Center. Draw those they serve into life-giving faith. Lord in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

Holy God, you grant us rest and renewal on the Sabbath and at other times when we are able to get away from work, school, and the daily demands of life. Be with all who are traveling or on vacation, so they may be rejuvenated and restored with great energy when they return home. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Healing God, comfort all who suffer with chronic pain or illness, addiction, depression, or loneliness. [Especially we pray for....] Bring them all to your tender embrace of healing and love. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Sovereign reigning Lord, your word tells us that "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when the wicked rule, the people groan." Bestow upon the federal, state, and local representatives of our republic righteousness, courage, strength, wisdom, vision, integrity, and the inspiration to follow your truth. Guide them by your counsel. Compel them to ensure, from first heartbeat to last, the unalienable rights you have bestowed upon all. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Word of Life, enable congregations throughout the world to clearly proclaim your good news to their communities. Bless also the leaders of our church: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, and Andrew; and our seminary president, Eric. Bless all congregations of the NALC as they share your gospel. Open the ears and hearts of all to hear the message of your love, so that your promises would engender faith within them. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen

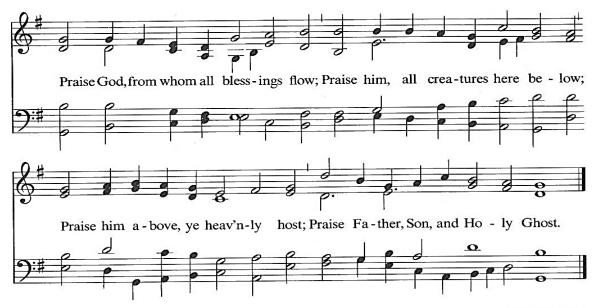
Stand

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Stand

OFFERTORY

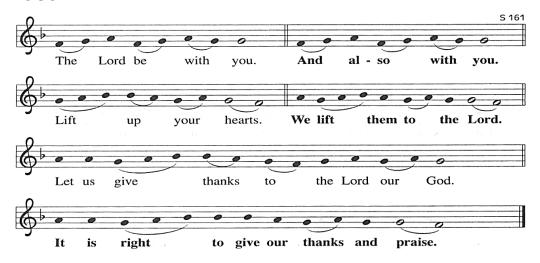


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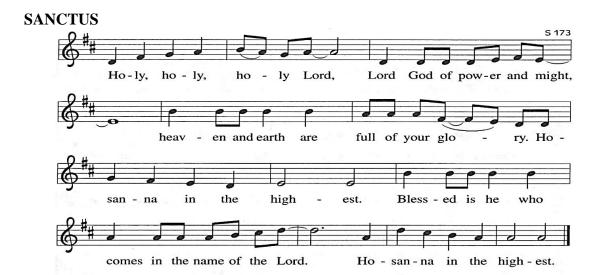
- A Let us pray.
- C Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

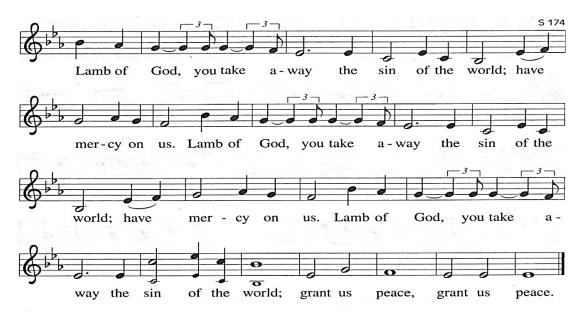
LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C 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.

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

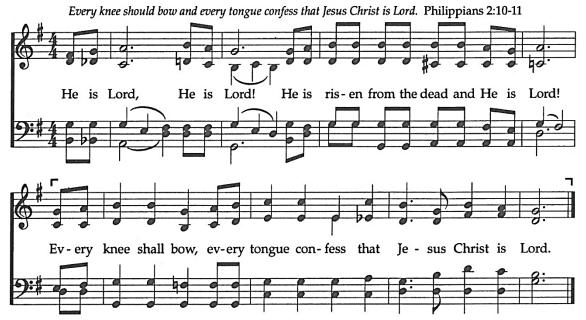


Stand

PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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BLESSING

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.

SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

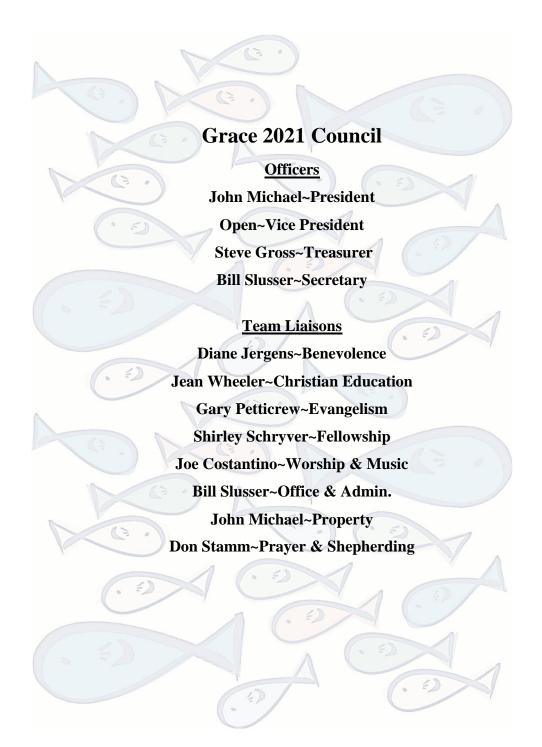
DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



ALTAR FLOWERS:

Today's flowers have been provided by Pam Mehlhorn in celebration of Carolyn Popoff's $90^{\rm th}$ birthday!!





July 4	Sandy Rice	
July 11	Shirley Schryver	
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Assistant Minister

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Rachel Reinhart

July 25

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July-Shirley Gordon & Wanda Petrenio

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