

**St. Charles Episcopal Church  
8:30 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
Enriching Our Worship**



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

**June 13, 2021  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 6**

*Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. For those in person today, please wear your mask throughout the service and maintain a minimum six-foot social distance with those from outside your household. Hand sanitizer and soap are provided in our restrooms to assist with hand hygiene. We also ask that you refrain from singing. All these actions of love and service help protect us all, including the most vulnerable to serious illness, from contracting the Covid-19 coronavirus. Thank you, and God Bless you for your faithfulness.*

**Voluntary – 8:30 a.m.**

**Voluntary – 10:00 a.m.**

A Trumpeting

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

EOW1:50

### Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** God be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

### First Reading

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14**

**8:30 a.m.** *Congregation will recite the Psalm.*

**10:00 a.m.** *Since the entire congregation is not yet singing, the cantors will chant on behalf of the entire community. We encourage you to sing only in your heart and mind.*

#### ***Bonum est confiteri***

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.

- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.** † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Stacy Walker

## Meditation Song

**8:30 a.m.** Like Seed Someone Scattered

Richard Leach

**10:00 a.m.** The Sower Scatters Seeds

Text: Joy Patterson

The sower scatters seeds in hope across the waiting earth,  
Expecting sun and gentle rain to bring strong plants to birth,  
But some which fall on rocky soil will wither in the sun,  
And some which fall among the weeds are choked before they're grown.

The seeds which fall in fertile soil, if blessed by sun and rain,  
Will grow and ripen and will bear a bounteous yield of grain.

At harvest time the sower reaps with joy an ample crop,  
But sorrows for the many seeds which never have come up.

God sends us forth to cultivate the fields that he has sown,  
To teach and nurture tender faith, encourage faith full-grown.  
Like faithful workers in God's fields with mind and heart we strive  
To mirror in our daily life Christ's kindness and his love.

Not every seedling faith will thrive, not all faith's plants will grow;  
We grieve that weeds of sin and self choke some before they know.  
But God determines sun and rain and works beyond our sight;  
The faith we thought we lost may yet grow ripe within God's light.

Martin Pazdioch, Cantor

## 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

EOW1:54

### Prayers of the People (Form VI)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;

**All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those  
who are alone.**

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and  
oppression.**

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and  
the needy.**

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the  
Truth.**

Intercessor: For Paula, our Bishop Elect, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**All: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord;

**All: For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;

**All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**All: Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept*



**All:** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen. EOW1:56

## **Absolution**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

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## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **Offertory Hymn – 8:30 a.m.**

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

### **Offertory Anthem – 10:00 a.m.**

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn (1810-1837)

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,  
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.  
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,  
And fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

Martin Pazdioch, Baritone

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### ***Eucharistic Prayer 2***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed

good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

**Celebrant:** God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

**People:** **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

EOW1:69

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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### **Communion**

*\*Please follow directions of the ushers to come forward to receive your communion cup. Then return to your seat to reverently consume. There are receptacles in the hallway for your cups after the service has ended. Distribution of Home Communion elements at 9:40 a.m. in rear parking lot. Please wear a mask, stay in your car, and wait for the minister to bring items to you. Please take communion home to reverently consume.*

### **Communion Hymn**

Alleluia

Jerry Sinclair

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**All:** **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**Celebrant:** May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**People:** **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**Deacon:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

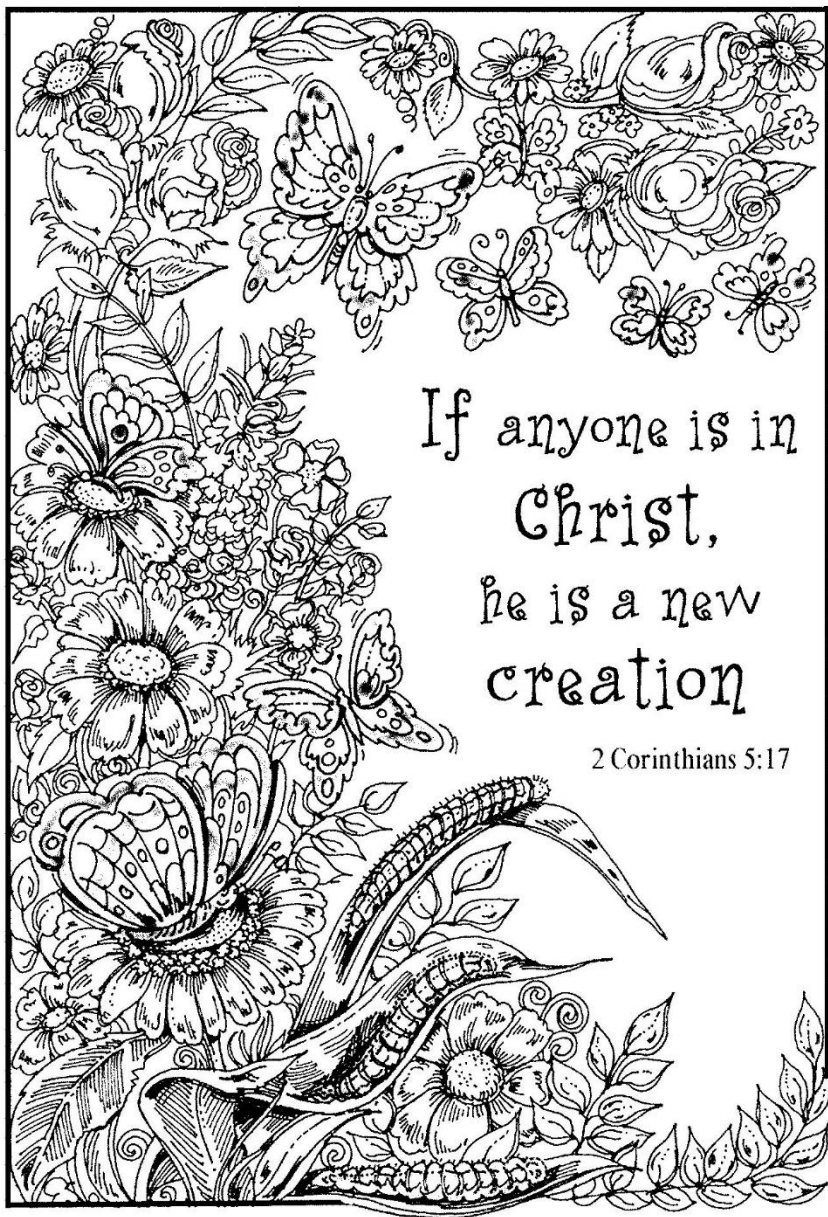
**Voluntary – 8:30 a.m.**

**Voluntary – 10:00 a.m.**

Choral Prelude on

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Now Let All Loudly Sing Praise*



If anyone is in  
Christ,  
he is a new  
creation

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Notes:**

## RULE OF LIFE at St. Charles Episcopal Church

Our Rule of Life is how we live the Gospel daily.

- ❖ Christ is the cornerstone of the church, and prayer is the foundation of our life together.
- ❖ We come together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.
- ❖ We listen to one another with the compassionate heart of Christ and ask questions for clarification.
- ❖ We respect one another's stories by listening and keeping their confidence.
- ❖ We strive to practice forgiveness as we have been forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- ❖ We behave knowing God is in our midst.
- ❖ We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- ❖ We respect the dignity of every human being.
- ❖ We actively build worship, education, service and giving.

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