Worship Outline – June 21, 2020 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Prelude Trompette en Dialogue

Clerambault

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Lord Keep Me Day by Day / In the Time of Trouble /
I Know What Prayer Can Do
The Noble Sound

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

NETTLETON

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share

Prayer of Confession

You tell us, "Do not fear."

But we cower before threats to our comfort and security, not trusting your promise to care for us nor boldly stepping forward in faith.

You tell us, "Take up the cross."

But we live as though death still holds dominion, and refuse to take risks for the sake of the gospel; we fail to challenge powers that diminish and systems that oppress.

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to live in faithful community. Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of the Peace

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

First Reading Matthew 25:31-40

Anthem

Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus

University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Concert Choir Dr. Gary R. Schwartzhoff, conductor

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer; Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with the darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name, And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you; Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

Second Reading Genesis 16:1-16; 21:8-21

Homily Tim Reynolds

Affirmation of Faith – *from* The Confession of 1967

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, he overcomes the barriers between us and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellow human beings, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

Offering Our Lives to God

Amazing Grace

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Community of Christ, look past the church's door
And see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street
Take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet

Community of Christ, through whom the word should sound
Cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round
To mothers who are lost and children so forlorn
The love of Christ through you be shown, in them be born

Community of Christ, who make the cross our own
Let's live our creed and risk our life for God alone
Our currency be love and kindliness our law
Our food and faith be shared as one for evermore

Charge & Benediction

Postlude Fanfare in "D" Lemmens