Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea!

- *Hymn numbers* refer to The Hymnal 1982 (*blue*).
- Child care is available for children up to three years of age. Please ask an usher for details.
Prelude  
Adagio in G minor  
Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671–1751)

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced. All are invited to sing.

Hymn 530  
Spread, O spread, thou mighty word  
*Gott sei Dank*

descant by Stuart Forster

The Word of God

Acclamation

Celebrant  
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People  
*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant continues.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria  
All sing.

Hymnal 1982 S–280  
Robert Powell (b. 1932)
Salutation

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People      And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Lesson  Isaiah 55:10—13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlastig sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People    Thanks be to God.
Psalm 65:9–14  
(Please remain seated and join in singing)  
Puer nobis

You visit all the earth, O Lord, and water it abundantly; your stream runs full; prepare ground with heavy rain; you crown with goodness, too; may meadows, valleys, paring grain, you make provision rich and free.  
all the year and leave rich paths across the plain.  
clothe themselves with flocks and grain and sing to you.

LESSON  Romans 8:1–11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.  
People  Thanks be to God.
The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced. All are invited to sing.

**Hymn 392**

Come, we that love the Lord

*Vineyard Haven*

descant by Stuart Forster

**Gospel**

Matthew 13:1—9,18—23

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

*People*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Deacon*  The Gospel of the Lord.  

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Tim Schenck

*A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.*
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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has 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.

Prayers of the People  Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all who are—or recently have been—hospitalized, and for everyone on our parish prayer list. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died and for those we now name silently or aloud. Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.
Confession of Sin and Absolution  (congregation kneeling)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion. The ministry of Bethesda is funded exclusively by our parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity.

Anthem

Behold, the tabernacle of God William Harris (1883–1973)

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, Which temple ye are: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Sarum Antiphon for the Dedication of a Church, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Presentation and Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus  All sing  Hymnal 1982 S–129  Robert Powell (b. 1932)
The congregation stands or kneels, and the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion
All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and either help guide the chalice to your lips or dip the wafer into the wine as the chalice passes. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher.

During the Communion
Hymn 440  Blessed Jesus, at thy word  

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Postcommunion Prayer
Celebrant  Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing
All are invited to sing.
Hymn 534

God is working his purpose out

[verses 1–3 in unison; verse 4 in canon]

Dismissal

Deacon
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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William Mathias (1934–1992)

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Adrien, Amanda, Angela, Andres, Ann, Anna, Arietta family, Barbara, Becky, Ben, Benham family, Bill, Bob, Brian, Brianna, Brinsley, Brooks, Bunny, Carla, Carol, Caroline, Carolyn, Catherine, Charlie, Chris, Christofer Lee, Claudine, Clifford family, Cordelia, Coy, Daniel, David, Debbi, Dottie, Edythe, Ellie, Emily, Emma Grace, Eric, Ford, Francys Neil, Gerald, Gisele, Glenn, Henry, Hillary, Isabel, Jack, Jackie, Jacob, Jacqueline, Jane, Janet, Jason, Jeanne, Jen, Jethro, Joanna, Joel, John, Joseph, Justin, Karen, Kathryn, Keith, Kim, Kimberly, Larry, Laurie, Leslie, Lillian, Linda, Lizz, Lorraine, Lynne, Maggie, Mahlbacher family, Malcom, Marcia, Mariela, Marilyn, Mark, Martha, Martie, Martin, Martine, Mary, Mary Elaine, Mary Kaye, Mary Virginia, Matt, Matthew, Meegan Eileen, Melissa, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mikel, Mireille, Molly, Nancy, Naomi, Nelson, Neil, Nesselhauf family, Nicholas, Nita, Noreen, Oliver, Palmer, Pam, Pamela, Pat, Patricia Jean, Patty, Paul, Paula, Peter, Phil, Philip, Priscilla, Rachel, Ramsey family, Regine, Richard, Rob, Robert, Ron, Russell, Sally, Samantha, Sandi, Sandra, Scott, Sean, Seth, Seve, Shaana, Shawn, Shirley, Skipper, Stan, Stephen, Stew, Susan, Susanna, Thomas, Tico, Tom, Tony, Veronica, Vince, Viola, Vivian, Walter Lynn, Wendy, Will, William, and those serving our country... Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William
Bethesda’s Mission is to experience the clear and strong presence of God and to understand and spread Christ’s teachings through collective worship, learning, and service.

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