

Worship Program
June 1st & 2nd, 2024
Lectionary 9

Introduction

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration. The hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

Confession & Forgiveness

**Please stand if you are able.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: God, our provider,

C: Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy. You are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

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.

Gathering Hymn "Morning Has Broken" Hymn 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen. **Please be seated.*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

WA: Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God.

You shall not do any work.

You, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

Therefore, the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 81:1-10

WA: Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

C: Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.

WA: Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

C: For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.

WA: God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know.

C: I eased your shoulder from the burden. Your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.

WA: You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you. I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

C: Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you. O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

WA: There shall be no strange god among you. You shall not worship a foreign god.

C: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God's ministry, we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

WA: We do not proclaim ourselves. We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed. Perplexed, but not driven to despair. Persecuted, but not forsaken. Struck down, but not destroyed.

Always carrying in the body, the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"(Setting 3, ELW pg.142) **Please stand if you are able.*

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields. And as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?"

And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions."

Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward."

Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

He looked around at them with anger.

He was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. **Please be seated.*

Sermon *Pastor David Bowman*

Hymn of the Day "I Am the Bread of Life" Hymn 485 v.1-3

**Please stand if you are able.*

Suzanne Toolan

VERSES



1. I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not__
2. The bread that__ I will give is my flesh for the life of the
3. Un - less you__ eat of the flesh of the Son of__
4. † I am the Res - ur - rec - tion † I am the__
5. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that__ you are the__



1. hun - ger; you who be - lieve shall not thirst. † No - one can
2. world, and you who eat of this bread, † you shall__
3. Man † and__ drink of his blood, and drink
4. life. You who be - lieve in__ me, † ev - en__
5. Christ, † the__ Son of__ God, † Who



1. come to me un - less the__ Fa - ther beck - ons.
2. live for ev - er. † You shall__ live for - ev - er.
3. of his blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
4. if you die, † You shall__ live for - ev - er.
5. has come in - to the world__

REFRAIN



And I will raise__ you up,__ and I will raise__ you



up,__ and I will raise__ you up__ on the last__ day.

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Prayers of Intercession

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice.

Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards.

Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers.

Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary. Those who struggle in any way and those who care for them (*especially*).

Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration.

Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables.

Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you.

Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Offertory Song **"We Are an Offering"** Hymn 692

Offering Prayer

**Please stand if you are able.*

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

The Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Setting Three, ELW pg.144)

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: 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.

C: Amen.

The 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**Please be seated.*

"Lamb of God" (Setting Three, ELW pg.146)

Special Music

"Strong" Performed by Anne Wilson

Prayer after Communion *Please stand if you are able.

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" Hymn 873 v.1-3

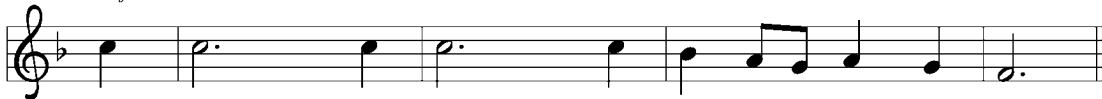


- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
- 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
- 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
- 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Readers/Communion Assistants

June 1 *Dave Klavuhn*

June 2 *Bill & Jan Layton*

June 8 *Tim & Kerri Moyer*

June 9 *** Help Wanted***

June 15 ***Help Wanted***

June 16 ***Help Wanted***

June 22 *Kevin Oleksa*

June 23 *Kevin Oleksa*

June 29 ***Help Wanted***

June 30 *Ray Leverknight*

Ushers

June 1-30 *** Help Wanted***

Altar Guild

June - *Cindy & Sara Solarczyk*

Worship Leader Schedule

June 1/2 *Pastor David Bowman*

June 8/9 *Pastor Scott Lingenfelter*

June 15/16 *Gary Mickle*

June 22/23 *Rt. Rev. Dr. McLaughlin- Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal
Missionary Church & Bishop of the East*

June 29/30 *Gary Mickle*

June Meetings & Events

June 11 Property Council 6:00pm

June 17 WGMC Meeting 6:00pm

June 18 Church Council 6:30pm



The Giving Tree for June and July will be used to collect items for local nursing homes. The residents were extremely pleased with the items they received from us last year, so we would like to help them out again. The following are items that they are in need of, or would like for entertainment:

Personal Care - Body wash, toothbrush/toothpaste, perfume, aftershave, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, snap-on hair rollers, tissues

Entertainment - Current magazines, books, puzzle books, individual arts or crafts kits for beginners, packs of pens or colored pencils, jigsaw puzzles, adult coloring books, drawing paper

Food/Snacks - Soda, Gatorade, flavored iced tea, instant coffee, cookies, pudding cups, Jello cups, pretzels, chips, popcorn

Thank you for your continued support!