



June 17, 2018: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

Prelude	<i>Five Liturgical Inventions for Organ</i>	Victor Togni
Entrance	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	LEVAS 188
Offertory Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Richard Walters
<i>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me save that thou art, Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word. I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thy my great Father and I Thy true Son; Thou in the dwelling, and I with Thee one.</i>	<i>Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, o ruler of all!</i>	
Offertory Hymn	<i>Creating God your Fingers Trace</i>	Hymnal 395
Communion Hymns	<i>Father We Thank Thee who Has Planted God the Sculptor of the Mountains</i>	Hymnal 302 see back of bulletin
Exit	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Hymnal 525
Postlude	<i>Five Liturgical Inventions for Organ</i>	Victor Togni

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah. Samuel never saw Saul again before he died, but he grieved over Saul. However, the Lord regretted making Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long are you going to grieve over Saul? I have rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and get going. I'm sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have found my next king among his sons." "How can I do that?" Samuel asked. "When Saul hears of it he'll kill me!" "Take a heifer with you," the Lord replied, "and say, 'I have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the

Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed one;
God answers his anointed one from his heavenly sanctuary,
answering with mighty acts of salvation achieved by his strong hand. **Refrain.**

Some people trust in chariots, others in horses;
but we praise the Lord's name.

They will collapse and fall,
but we will stand up straight and strong.

Lord, save the king!

Let him answer us when we cry out! **Refrain.**

2nd Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

So we are always confident, because we know that while we are living in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord. We live by faith and not by sight. We are confident, and we would prefer to leave the body and to be at home with the Lord. So our goal is to be acceptable to him, whether we are at home or away from home. We all must appear before Christ in court so that each person can be paid back for the things that were done while in the body, whether they were good or bad.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *please stand*

Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime." He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade." With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Worship Leaders

Preacher & Celebrant	The Rev. Mike Angell
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Crucifer	Maya Zerazion
Intercessor	Andrew Carpentier
Lectors	Cecily Hawksworth, Katie Kramer
Chalice	Meg Goldstein
Acolytes	Clara Olliff, Maya Jean Shaw
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Mensah, Colleen Haggerty
Children's Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff
Altar Guild	Jean Parker, Eliana Haig, John Bell

Announcements

Laundry Love – Tuesday, June 19: (6:30pm) Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) If you'd like to volunteer, please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation. Read more and sign up at www.holycommunion.net.

Interfaith Worship at Pridefest: On Sunday June 24, Holy Communion is joining with other congregations of many faiths in celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride. We will gather at the main stage of the Pride Festival at 10am.

Interfaith Choir at Pridefest: Holy Communion and Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St Louis (MCCGSL) are organizing a choir to lead the music worship at the Interfaith Service at this year's PRIDE Festival on June 24th. Rehearsals will be held at 7pm on June 21st at Metropolitan Community Church in Soulard. If you are interested in singing with us, please let Mary Chapman know (mchapman@holycommunion.net).

New Diversity Altar Frontal: This summer, you are invited to donate a piece of fabric, at least 8 inches by 8 inches in diameter that will be incorporated in a new "green" frontal. Bring in pieces of fabric and/or weaving that represent the diverse cultures and heritages of Holy Communion by July 22.

The Holy Communion Book Group is taking the summer off. We will resume meetings on September 9 to discuss Amy Tan's novel, *The Bonesetter's Daughter*.

Nursery Wall Construction: Construction will be starting shortly on a new interior wall at the east end of the Lounge to create a brand new Nursery. We plan to be using the space fully in September. Once construction begins, it should take 1-2 weeks to complete.

Intergenerational Game Night- July 1: Bring your favorite game and a dessert or side dish to share. We will provide the pizza and drinks. We will gather from 5-7:30pm. Please feel free to come and go as your schedule permits.

Common English Bible: You might notice that the scripture readings used today are from a different translation. During the summer, we will be using the Common English Bible translation instead of the New Revised Standard version.