



Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We live in a world that tells us there is never enough.

ALL: Enough money, enough time, enough resources, enough of everything.

One: We are called to this place for just such a time as this so we can hear our God of abundance tell us...

ALL: You are loved, you are enough, you have more than enough!

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN # 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God we call by many names, forgive us when we live like there's not enough. When we choose to cling tight-fisted to what we have rather than live with open arms ready to share. Have mercy on us when we refuse to see what is possible and live small lives that center on certainty. Open our hearts, our minds, and our clenched fists so that we might recognize that all around us is more than enough. Amen.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, with God, there is enough hope, enough peace, enough life for us all. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Set free to live less us and them, and more we and me. We are made for an abundant life, a life that is more than enough.

ALL: Thanks be to our God of abundance, Amen!

* GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning it is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

One: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

ALL: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

One: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

ALL: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

First Scripture Reading - Mark 6:31-44 (Translation is from "The Message")

Supper for Five Thousand

³⁰⁻³¹ The apostles then rendezvoused with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat.

³²⁻³⁴ So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves. Someone saw them going and the word got around. From the surrounding towns people went out on foot, running, and got there ahead of them. When Jesus arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke—like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work teaching them.



³⁵⁻³⁶ When his disciples thought this had gone on long enough—it was now quite late in the day—they interrupted: “We are a long way out in the country, and it’s very late. Pronounce a benediction and send these folks off so they can get some supper.”

³⁷ Jesus said, “You do it. Fix supper for them.” They replied, “Are you serious? You want us to go spend a fortune on food for their supper?”

³⁸ But he was quite serious. “How many loaves of bread do you have? Take an inventory. That didn’t take long. “Five,” they said, “plus two fish.”

³⁹⁻⁴⁴ Jesus got them all to sit down in groups of fifty or a hundred—they looked like a patchwork quilt of wildflowers spread out on the green grass! He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples, and the disciples in turn gave it to the people. He did the same with the fish. They all ate their fill. The disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. More than five thousand were at the supper.

First Scripture Reading – Esther 4:9-17 (Translation is from “The Message”)

⁹⁻¹¹ Hathach came back and told Esther everything Mordecai had said. Esther talked it over with Hathach and then sent him back to Mordecai with this message: “Everyone who works for the king here, and even the people out in the provinces, knows that there is a single fate for every man or woman who approaches the king without being invited: death. The one exception is if the king extends his gold scepter; then he or she may live. And it’s been thirty days now since I’ve been invited to come to the king.”

¹²⁻¹⁴ When Hathach told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai sent her this message: “Don’t think that just because you live in the king’s house you’re the one Jew who will get out of this alive. If you persist in staying silent at a time like this, help and deliverance will arrive for the Jews from someplace else; but you and your family will be wiped out. Who knows? Maybe you were made queen for just such a time as this.”

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Esther sent back her answer to Mordecai: “Go and get all the Jews living in Susa together. Fast for me. Don’t eat or drink for three days, either day or night. I and my maids will fast with you. If you will do this, I’ll go to the king, even though it’s forbidden. If I die, I die.”

¹⁷ Mordecai left and carried out Esther’s instructions.



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SENDING

* HYMN #421 The Church of Christ in Every Age

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POSTLUDE AND SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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