



**October 3, 2021, 8:30 Drive-In Worship**

**Liturgical Season: 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

*What does this mean?*

The Sundays after Pentecost are the longest season of the church year. Pentecost celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church on earth, so these Sundays remind us of the many ways the Spirit works in and through us every day. When we see the green paraments on the altar or on a pastor's stole, it challenges us to ask ourselves: are we growing in our awareness of God's work in our lives?

**Today's Theme: Turn Aside**

**God is ever-present in our lives and world. Let us turn aside to notice, listen, and respond to God's call.**

**Pre-Service Music**

**Announcements**

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**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

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**Opening Hymn**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW #522

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Earth's crammed with heaven  
And every common bush afire  
with God;*

*And only he who sees takes off  
his shoes—*

*The rest sit 'round and pluck  
raspberries.*

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

## Prayer of the Day

God of all people, you remembered your children who were enslaved in Egypt, and by the power of your name you set them free. Remember us and free us from slavery to sin by the power of your name. Amen.

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### WORD

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God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

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*The ushers will collect offering at this time.*

#### Anthem

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*  
Teresa Tweeton & Dan Streed, duet

Michael Burkhardt

#### Lesson

Exodus 2:23-25; Exodus 3:1-15; Exodus 4:10-17    The Voice Translation

#### Sermon

Turn Aside

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

#### Hymn of the Day

*To Be Your Presence*

ELW #546, st. 1, 3, 4

**To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!**

**To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
alleluia!**

**We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
alleluia!**

#### Prayers of the Church

##### Offering Litany

**We give because God first gave to us.**

**We give to support God's work in this place.**

**We give to remind ourselves that we can put our trust in God.**

#### **Sermon Questions:**

*How might you intentionally 'turn aside' to pay attention to God?*

*How is God calling you to be a blessing in the world?*

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**MEAL**

Christ invites us to a common table of grace,  
feeding us in bread and wine.

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**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Communion**

**Post Communion Blessing & Prayer**

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**SENDING**

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

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*Life is not hurrying on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once but is the eternity that awaits you.* - R. S. Thomas

**Closing Hymn**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended.**

**Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—**

**our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.**

**With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

*You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness  
of joy; in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.*

-Psalm 6:11

**Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SERVING TODAY**

Pastor Arne Bergland  
Pastor Deb Kielsmeier  
Andy Jacob, Keyboard  
Lay Reader: Mary Yackley  
Lynn Bulger  
Vocalists: Teresa Tweeton  
Dan Streed

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Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read Exodus 16:1-18.

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