

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 4, 2021**

*WELCOME TO SMSJ*

PRELUDE

Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC

“America the Beautiful”

*Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929)*

*Music: Materna, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)*

“We are Marching”

*Words: Thabo Mkize*

*Music: Anders Nyberg*

ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

**ALL: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**ALL: 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.**

*Deacon:* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5 *Please be seated*

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 123

To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Celtic Alleluia” (2x) *Please stand*  
*Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Mark 6: 1-13*

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON          The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"This I Believe"

*Crocker Matthew Philip and Fielding Benjamin David*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Please stand)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, into your church and its people. Fill us with the power and purpose of the gospel.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into the nations of the world. Rain down your peace onto nations at war or in crisis.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into the lives of those in need. We especially pray for \_\_\_\_\_ . Blanket them with your healing and hope.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into our community of faith. Support us in our mission, our celebrations, and our woes.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into our thanksgiving for the lives of all the faithful departed.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

CLOSING COLLECT: Into your care, O God we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*(Please be seated)*

*You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer intentions on the Prayer Board during the music.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MUSIC

“Crowded Table” (*Please stand*)

*Brandie Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna*

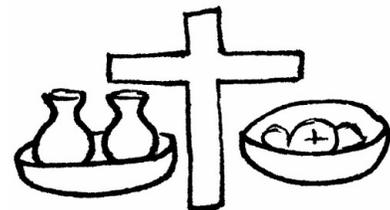
*Text adapted for worship*

*Eucharistic Ministers come to the altar during this music*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**ALL: We ask you to lift our hearts as we give thanks for all you do**

Gracious God, you made the world and all that is in it;  
you made this day and we rejoice in it!  
For this is the day your prophets testified about  
when you destroy the shroud of death  
and open the gates of salvation to all who believe.



You sent your Son, Jesus, among us,  
anointed with your Holy Spirit and power  
to preach peace and heal all who were oppressed.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,  
with earth, sea and sky, with angels and archangels who envelop us,  
with all the saints before us and beside us,  
with sisters and brothers, east and west, north and south,  
And with loved ones, separate from us now, who yet,  
in this mystery are close to us,

We join in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, who breaks open deep the tomb of our pain, calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal.

Blessed is your Spirit, that broods over the deep, stirs our hearts, who comforts and confounds. Your Spirit, that animates all of creation - plants, animals, and all of us. Your Spirit, that dwells in us.

On the night when he was betrayed,  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

**“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Therefore, here in this place,  
we celebrate the flames that gave birth to the church  
And has shared among his community through the centuries,  
and shares with us now.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily things,  
this bread and this wine.

**May they be for us your body and blood,  
vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Anoint us with your life-giving power that we might recognize your  
presence in each and every person.

**By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.**

The feast of life has been prepared for you -  
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.

### WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*All are welcome to receive communion.*

*Please be seated. Our Eucharistic Ministers will come to you. As they approach, please stand if you are able. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice is available. If you would like Pastor Cindy to also pray a special healing prayer just let her know.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

**"Blessed Assurance"**

*Text: Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)*

*Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

**"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

*Text: Omer Westerdorf (1916-1998)*

*Music: Welsh folk tune*

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go and tell how God has touched your life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia**



## SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (July 4, 2021 - July 10, 2021)

- Monday *Office Closed in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday*  
2pm Episcopal 101/ Book Club - *People of the Way*  
6pm E.D.E.N. 1199 Culver Garden  
Captains: Melanie and Judy
- Tuesday 9am-3pm Freedom Scholars Program  
9am Food Shelf Ministry Prep & Unload Foodlink Truck  
10am E.D.E.N. 408 Rosewood Terr. - Children's Garden  
Captain: Erin  
10am E.D.E.N. 336 Parsells Ave. Garden  
Captain: Deacon Mike  
1pm-5pm SOOP Program
- Wednesday 9am-3pm Freedom Scholars Program  
9am E.D.E.N. Church (1245 Culver) Team  
Captains: Mary E. and Mary Ellen F.  
10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry  
12pm Emergency Food Delivery Driver Pick-up  
12:10pm Healing Service  
*Weather permitting it will be held in the garden*  
*Zoom link is on our homepage [stmarksandstjohns.org](http://stmarksandstjohns.org)*  
1pm-5pm SOOP Program  
5pm E.D.E.N. 448 Merchants Rd. Garden  
Captain: Deb S.
- Thursday 9am-3pm Freedom Scholars Program  
1pm-5pm SOOP Program
- Friday 9am-3pm Freedom Scholars Program  
11:30am E.D.E.N. Denver Training Garden  
Captains: Aisha & Becky  
1pm-5pm SOOP Program
- Saturday 12pm Emergency Food Delivery Driver Pick-up  
Delivery Driver Sheets: Brianna & Natalie
- Sunday 9:15am WORSHIP

### Meet Hannah Zuegel

We are delighted to welcome Hannah Zuegel to the SMSJ staff. Hannah is Pastor Cindy's new part-time Administrative Assistant. She will be working fifteen hours a week. Hannah's first day will be Monday, July 12th.

### SOOP (Summer of Opportunity) Interns

For our fourth summer we will be bringing teens to SMSJ to gain work in our gardens and receive job training. This year we have five teens joining us. Their first day is Tuesday. The SOOP (Summer of Opportunity Program) will run for six weeks in the afternoon (1pm-5pm). We're excited to be welcoming Alex Caraballo as this year's SOOP instructor.

### E.D.E.N. Honey Bees

A new friend to our community, Nick Lord is now our resident honey bee expert. Two hives are on our flat roof and are thriving. We look forward to learning and tasting our very own E.D.E.N. Honey this summer.

### Farm Stand begins on Saturday (July 10th)

Deacon Mike will once again be our fearless Farm Stand leader this summer. If you are interested in volunteering please see him. The stand is open on Saturdays throughout the summer from 9:30am-12:30pm. Enjoy!

### Freedom Scholars & Teen Empowerment

We are sharing our space with two partners this summer: Freedom Scholars and Teen Empowerment. They have missions that align with the work we do here at SMSJ. We look forward to continuing to support the good work they do.

### Episcopal 101 - Now E.D.E.N. Book Club

Our Episcopal 101 class continues to meet virtually (*Zoom - link is on our website homepage stmarksandstjohns.org*) on Monday afternoons from 2-3pm. You're more than welcome to join us one time or multiple times. In the coming weeks we will be reading *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity* by Dwight Zscheile together. Books are now available (\$18).

### Mark your Calendar

Bishop Singh will be visiting SMSJ on Sunday, August 1st. We look forward to welcoming him. We have at least one person who is going to be welcomed into the Episcopal Church.

### Prayer Concerns and/or Thanksgivings

Our newsprint "Prayer" board is back. You are welcome to light a candle and put the name(s) of those you would like us to hold in prayer.

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know. A July Schedule is now available.

# PEACE

I LEAVE WITH YOU;  
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.

