

Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

The Reverend Donna M. Hester, Pastor

September 13, 2020 (10:00 AM)

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven

Call to Worship

Give praise to God!

Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves . . .

It is God who delivers . . .

Give thanks and praise the Lord!

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams/Hughes

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Invocation

Almighty God, who guides us through the difficulties in life with the certainty of your presence and protection: Grant us peace and solitude with the assurance that life with its stress, cannot defeat the power of your love. Thus may we journey through life focusing our energies on following you, undaunted by the empty threats of a temporal world. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and
buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at**

the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Scripture

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21(CEB)

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I will sing to the Lord, for an overflowing victory!

Horse and rider he threw into the sea!

²The Lord is my strength and my power;
he has become my salvation.

This is my God, whom I will praise,
the God of my ancestors, whom I will acclaim.

³The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.

⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army he hurled into the sea;
his elite captains were sunk in the Reed Sea.

⁵The deep sea covered them;
they sank into the deep waters like a stone.

⁶Your strong hand, Lord, is dominant in power;
your strong hand, Lord, shatters the enemy!

⁷With your great surge you overthrow your opponents;
you send out your hot anger; it burns them up like straw.

⁸With the breath of your nostrils the waters swelled up,
the floods surged up in a great wave;
the deep waters foamed in the depths of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, "I'll pursue, I'll overtake,
I'll divide the spoils of war.
I'll be overfilled with them.
I'll draw my sword; my hand will destroy them."

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered over them.
They sank like lead in the towering waters.

¹¹Who is like you among the gods, Lord?
Who is like you, foremost in holiness,
worthy of highest praise, doing awesome deeds?

²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand. All the women followed her playing tambourines and dancing. ²¹Miriam sang the refrain back to them:
Sing to the Lord, for an overflowing victory!
Horse and rider he threw into the sea!

Prayer

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 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. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentence

God is unfailing in blessing and love. With thankful hearts, let us offer up to God a portion of what God has given us.

on dry ground through the sea. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰The Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the amazing power of the Lord against the Egyptians. The people were in awe of the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Message "Believe in the Lord" Rev. Donna Hester

Hymn *I Know Whom I Have Believed* Whittle/McGranahan

1 I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain:

But "I know Whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."

2 I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart. [Refrain]

3 I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him. [Refrain]

4 I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noonday fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air. [Refrain]

Blessing

Postlude Give Me Jesus John Purifoy

Announcements

Christian Formation Class – Sunday 8:30 am in Zoom Room

Seekers Class – Sunday 11:00 am in Zoom Room

Puppets – Sunday 2:30 pm in Zoom Room

Holy Communion Vesper – Sunday 6:30 pm Kern Upper Parking Lot

Holy Communion Vesper – Sunday 7:15 pm Kern Upper Parking Lot

Trustees – Monday 6:00 pm in Zoom Room

Faith Weavers Class – Monday 7:30 pm in Zoom Room

Choir – Wednesday 7:00 pm in Zoom Room

Prayer Group – Thursday 8:00 am in Zoom Room

Church Council – Sunday (September 20) 1:00 pm in Zoom Room