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**Gerad Von Holten's Farewell Sunday
June 26, 2022
Tri Church Worship**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(inspired by Galatians 5:13-25, Luke 9:51-62)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. Even in our own back yard we "bite and devour" one another. We wish it were different. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something more important first. Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We need but ask and we are forgiven.

** from Putting on the Mantle: Service Prayers for the 6th Sunday after Pentecost, written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

GATHERING SONG

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain

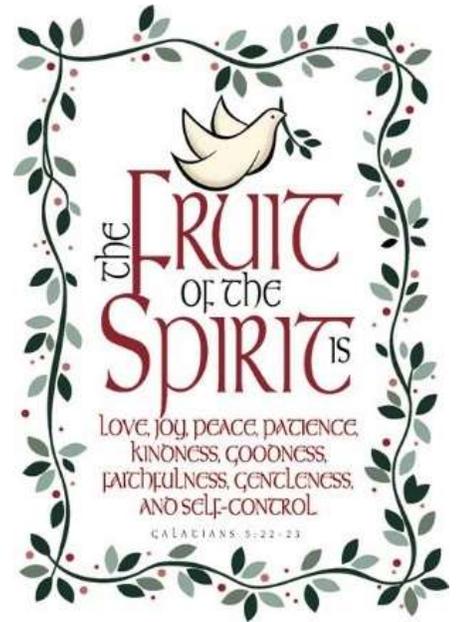
Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen b. 1950



GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Oh Lord of Liberation, you set us free in Christ. Guide us to live not by our selfish desires but in the way of the spirit. Lead us to live with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NRSV)

A reading from Galatians

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

P: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Each petition ends with these words:

P: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

All: Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy Holy Holy”

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora.

Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Señor.

Text: Argentine traditional

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. After supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one, by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to taste and see that the Lord is Good! Eat, Drink and be satisfied.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Lamb of God, You Bear the Sun”

Tune: Twenty-Fourth, attr. Lucius Chapin

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

SENDING

GERAD’S FAREWELL (adapted from Farewell & God Speed in ELW)

INTRO TO VIDEO

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Gerad, as you leave our congregations, we wish to bid you farewell. We want to share some memories of our ministry together before we send you off with God’s blessings.

PICTURES/VIDEO MONTAGE

SCRIPTURE OF GOD SPEED

Pastor Bree Truax

A reading from Isaiah: Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (*Isaiah 43:1-3*)

RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY

Pastor Jacob Gawlik

P: Gerad, when you joined us in ministry, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have made a huge impact on our youth and worship life in our relationship with Jesus. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you. We encourage you to continue to receive and share God’s gifts in your next adventure. May you be united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

PRAYER OF GODSPEED

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, we thank you for Gerad and for the time we have shared with him. As he has been a blessing to us, so now send him forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“May You Run and Not Be Weary”

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy.
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Text: Handt Hanson

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

P: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

All: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Live in the way of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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