



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

FROM PASTOR GAUCK

We are all eager to see what God will produce through Kent as we await Pastor Ed's acceptance of our "Call" to him. We also ask what God requires of us and the Lord requires us to have faith even the size of a mustard seed and trust God's leading of us into the future for Kent Memorial. But in the meantime, consider what your faith, even as small as a mustard seed, can accomplish.

Consider Michael E. Williams' book: FRIENDS FOR LIFE for there he tells the story of a black woman, Mary McLeod Bethune who was born in the small town of Mayesville, South Carolina, in 1875. Mary was the youngest of seventeen children born to a family of freed slaves still living on the plantation. When she was nine years old, she could not read or write. Even after the Civil War there were not many schools for black children to attend. Mary was eleven years old before she went to a mission school. Thus began a journey that led her to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. After finishing at Moody she returned to the South and opened a school for black girls at Daytona Beach, Florida."

If you were going to start a school, you would certainly want to begin with more than \$1.50. And if you were raising money to keep the school going, you would probably not choose to raise funds by baking pies and selling them to tourists. But that is what Mary McLeod Bethune did. In time the school Mary founded would become Bethune-Cookman College. She was made president of the college. She was known as a friend to students, alumni, and national leaders, even presidents. She helped President Franklin D. Roosevelt start the National Youth Administration which provided employment for young people.

From such a small beginning Mary showed the world what Jesus was talking about having faith the size of a mustard seed and the commitment of your whole self to God. And with such a faith, trusting in God, we are to put ourselves out there to accomplish all the Lord desires of us to be and do. So again I say to you: Trust in the Lord always and pray continually to our God for guidance.

Pastor Carl

WE WILL ZOOM OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IN ADDITION TO BEING IN-PERSON

Sunday Zoom Worship

To join a worship service, contact the church office at 573-374-5267.

Welcome to Worship

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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Prelude

Joyce Wanamaker

You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: In the presence of God, who sees into our hearts and into our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy, leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us, Lord, from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: Amen.

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

C: And also with you.

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Liturgy (spoken)

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

'Are Ye Able?' Said the Master

Gary Wiles

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Bible p. 310 Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Bible p. 150 New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Carl Gauck

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Bible p. 14 New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Carl Gauck

Hymn (spoken)

Beautiful Savior
Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Profession of Faith–Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living 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.**

The Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Holy Communion (10am)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choir of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (spoken)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Consecration of the Elements

Words of Institution (10am)

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 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.

Distribution

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,
C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Joyce Wanamaker

WORSHIP LEADERS

Transitional Pastor..... Carl Gauck
Organist/Pianist Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director..... Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director Katie Heaford

8:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Karole Karls
Greeter/Ushers Gerry & Linda Williams
Lector..... Carolyn Wiles
Sound Technician Al Mohling

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Greeters/Ushers
Lector..... Teri Stout
Sound Technician Jim Saunders
Zoom Technician..... Vanessa Hebrank

COMING THIS WEEK

July 19-26

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outside)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (inside)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
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Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up)
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale (-4:00 p.m.)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale (-12:00 p.m.)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outside)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside)

Prayer Concerns

OUR MEMBERS

Jim Mellody – recovering from knee surgery
Gene Melton – recovering from lung cancer surgery
Shirley Clark – recovering at home
Karen Pragman – for healing
Larry Fair – recovering from stroke

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Butch Bayer—serious health concerns (friend of Bill & Wendy Blomberg)
Marta Kerkman—joy that the cancer has not spread, no further treatment (Jan Lacas’ sister-in-law)
Will Hedgepeth – on hospice (friend of Dan & Tracy Garrett)
Julie Patterson – prayers for good test results (friend of Wendy & Bill Blomberg)
Mary Bowton—health concerns (friend of Al & Cindy Mohling)
Jackson P.—leukemia (student at Hurricane Deck Elementary School)
Luke Kornfeind – seizures (Ron & Jane Kornfeind’s grandson)
Joan Wilken – non-Hodgkin lymphoma (former member)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Stephanie Ballard
Lonnie Billings
Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Kelly Covey
Karen Gardner
Gavin
Marianne Howley
Kay Hunt
Mike Janesch
Linda Kimberling
Jim Lane
Allyne Nieburgh
Ingrid Niemann
Diane Reams
Pat Shank
Bob Stanze
Toni Wagner
Clarion Winzenburg
Bob Worthley

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock

Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Nathan Karls
Adam Kralina
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgen
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 26

WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room for services in the sanctuary. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Joyce McHenry in memory of Mac and their marriage on July 22, 1962.

CARE CORE for July is Eldeen Hanke, 873-3579; for August is Sheryl Boos, 573-346-9778.

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW The Worship & Music Committee want to ask you something: are you interested in having Cruise Worship in August? If you are, please let Tracy Garrett, Melba Bangert, Al Mohling, Katie Heaford, Joyce Wanamaker or Jane Maher know today.

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE at the inside service, please come to the pulpit microphone. We want all those on Zoom to hear them, too.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND--

- Masks are optional at both services.
- Remember to keep some distance during and as you leave worship.
- Organized fellowship after the services will not be allowed for the time being.
- Please deposit your offering in the plate at the top of the center aisle.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and associated guidelines.
- Communion will be celebrated with the pre-filled wafer/cup combination. Pick yours up as you come into the church. As you leave the service, deposit the empty cup in the receptacle at the top of the aisle.
- We will continue to share the 10:00 a.m. worship service via Zoom. Because some of us are not able to be at church in person, we will celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. zoom service. We will also celebrate communion at the 8:00 a.m. service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

WE NEED USHERS FOR OUTSIDE As of today, we have no one signed up to usher for August. Please give of your time and help the services run smoothly.

RUMMAGE SALE This is the week that we have all been waiting for (lol). The Rummage Sale! On Tuesday, the Scouts will be here to help bring up things from the basement. On Wednesday, we will empty the rooms. Thursday we price. (We will have lunch as usual) Friday and Saturday hopefully we

sell everything. Looking forward to your help. Thank you! wear your God's Work. Our Hands. t-shirts to work the Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday-- and a mask.

HURRICANE DECK ELEMENTARY is having a Drive By Health Fair on August 13. I have applied for a Thrivent Action Team for School Supplies but will need many more than I can purchase. The greatest need is for 1 inch white plastic notebooks with a clear sheet on front so that a sheet can be inserted and composition books (wide line only). They are already out at Walmart. Thank you in advance.

DONATIONS TO FESTIVAL OF SHARING 2020 (known as Dental Kits in past years) to assist with world hunger, poverty and injustice are requested. Donations are accepted through August 24th. A suggested gift of \$15 or any amount is appreciated. Envelopes are available on the front entry table or you may mail a check to church office; please make checks payable to Kent Social Ministry. Thanks so much for your generosity and prayers.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN The Pregnancy Help Center's annual Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for the center ENDS TODAY. Please bring back the bottles and leave in the office or in the purple box in the narthex. Checks should be made out to The Pregnancy Help Center.

THE AUGUST KENT HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER will be out on August 2. If you have an article to be included, please send it to the church office no later than Monday, July 27.

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, face masks, the latest newsletter, the daily devotional materials and a lot of other goodies. Also, there is a basket for you to drop off your giving envelopes. If you need the door code, leave Tracy a message in the church office, 573-374-5267, or call her at 214-206-5807. Or you may mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial PO Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST UPDATE (573-374-4425) The need is GREAT. The store and food pantry are open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Masks are required ALL those entering the store. A limit of 10 people allowed upstairs and 10 downstairs. Thank you for all you do!

Items needed in July:

Powdered milk

Personal hygiene items

shampoo

deodorant – both men's and women's

Fruit in lite syrup

Ready-to-eat meals (for children)