

THE WORD OF GOD

TAKE-HOME INSERT

(Fourth Sunday after Pentecost IRCL – Proper 5)

Collect

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together:

Beloved God,

You are Holy Love,

The power to raise up and call forth life:

Return to us this day

“like the rains of spring that water the earth”;

Return to us this day

as the hope against hope;

Return to us this day,

as the courage healing our hearts

dead in sleep;

Call us forth into life this day,

Where your desire becomes our

Kindness towards others and our

Knowledge of You. Amen.

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.

Hebrew Scriptures

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Reader: A reading from Deuteronomy.

Then I will go back to my lair until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their suffering they will make haste to seek me: ‘Come! Let us return to YHWH – the One who has torn us asunder will make us whole; the One who struck us down will bind our wounds. In two days, God will bring us back to life and on the third day God will restore us so we will live in the presence of the Most High. Let us come to know YHWH intimately, and pursue that knowledge zealously. And as sure as the sun rises in the morning, God will come, and will return to us like the rains of winter, like the rains of spring that water the earth.’ ‘Ah, Ephraim, what am I going to do with you? And Judah, what am I going to do with you? Your devotion is like the morning fog, like the dew of the morning that vanishes! So I hack them to pieces through my prophets and slay them with the words of my mouth. My judgments flash like lightning before you. For I desire kindness toward others, not sacrifice, acknowledgement of God, not burnt offerings.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50: To the Upright (Michel Guimont)

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Christian Scriptures

The Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Community at Rome.

The promise made to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants – that they would inherit the world – did not depend on the Law; it was made in view of the righteousness that comes from faith. For if those who live by the Law are heirs, then faith is pointless and the promise is worthless. The Law forever holds the potential for punishment. Only when there is no Law can there be no violation. Hence everything depends on faith; everything is grace. Thus the promise holds true for all of Sarah's and Abraham's descendants, not only for those who have the Law, but for all who have their faith. They are the mother and the father of us all, which is why scripture says, "I will make you the parents of many nations" – all of which is done in the sight of the God in whom they believed, the God who restores the dead to life and calls into being things that don't exist. Hoping against hope, Sarah and Abraham believed, and so became the mother and father of many nations, just as it was once promised them: "Numerous as this will your descendants be." Sarah and Abraham, without growing weak in faith, thought about their bodies, which were very old – he was about one hundred, and she was well beyond child-bearing age. Still they never questioned or doubted God's promise; rather, they grew strong in faith and gave glory to God, fully persuaded that God could do whatever was promised. Thus, Sarah's and Abraham's faith "was credited to them as righteousness." The words, "was credited to them," were not written with Sarah and Abraham alone in mind; they were intended for us, too. For our faith will be credited to us if we believe in the One who raised Jesus our

Savior from the dead, the Jesus who was handed over to death for our sins and raised up for our justification.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

As Jesus walked on, he saw Matthew, a tax collector, at his post. Jesus approached and said, "Follow me," and Matthew got up and followed. Now it happened that, while Jesus was at table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and notorious "sinners" came to join Jesus and the disciples at dinner. The Pharisees saw this and complained to the disciples, saying, "What reason can the Teacher have for eating with tax collectors and sinners?" Overhearing the remark, Jesus said, "People who are in good health don't need a doctor; sick people do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire compassion, not sacrifices.' I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

As Jesus was speaking, a synagogue official came up, knelt down and said, "My daughter has just died. But if you come and lay hands on her, she will live." Jesus got up and went with the official, and so did the disciples. As they were going along, a woman who had suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the hem of his cloak; she was saying to herself, "If only I can touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned around and saw her. "Courage, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." That very moment the woman was healed. When Jesus arrived at the house of the synagogue official, a noisy crowd had gathered, and the flute players who served as mourners had already arrived. When he saw them he said, "Get out! The child is not dead – only asleep." They all laughed at him. After the crowd had been put out, he entered and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. And the news spread throughout the countryside.

Deacon: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning! After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the lower level (accessible by stairs or elevator) for coffee and conversation.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Bob Railey
Preacher:	Marcia Franz
Deacon:	Pat Micklow
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Cathy Cole
Second Reader:	Marian Coleman
Prayers of the People:	Judd Spray
Chalice Bearers:	Barb Carpenter and Dan Carpenter
Ushers:	Sue Micensky and Frank Kerwin
Server:	Dan Platt
Altar Guild:	Marcia Franz and Barb Carpenter
Nursery Attendant:	
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Jacquey Shellenbarger and Ellie and Al Raymond
Evening Prayer Officiant:	Larry Shell
Children's Ministry	Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey
Eucharistic Visitors:	MGH: Bob Railey; Warren Glass: Marcia Franz; Bill Mudge: Kai Carrigan

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Tuesday, 10 th	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
Wednesday, 11 th	Welcomers Committee	11:00 am
	Evening Prayer	5:30 pm
Thursday, 12 th	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
	Scottish Folk Dancing	7:00 pm
Saturday, 14 th	Diocesan Spring Conference	10:00 am
Sunday, 15 th	Holy Eucharist: 5 th Pentecost	10:30 am
<i>Happy Father's Day!</i>		

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory or celebration of a loved one can sign up on the list on the board in the atrium. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Jayne McQuaid at 226-2355.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Food Bank items for June are: Instant mashed potatoes, gravy, and salt and pepper. As always, other items are welcomed. Monetary donations can be made by writing "Food Donations" on the memo line of your check or marking the envelope the same when donating cash. Both can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday. Questions about Hunger Ministry? Call Larry Shell: 360-8214 or email him at larry@shell-family.com.

FAMILY TREE

Our St. Paul's family tree is growing. Please stop by the Atrium after the service if you haven't had your picture taken.

QUICKLIST UPDATES

The Welcomers are in the process of updating parishioner records – addresses, phone numbers, etc. If you would like to include your email address and/or cell phone numbers on the Quick List, please get the information to Kathy at kathylenten201@sbcglobal.net or leave a note with the information on her desk in the church office.

REMINDER – LAST DAY OF POSTING FOR:

SUMMER QUARTER SIGN UP/AVAILABILITY LIST LITURGICAL LEADERS, USHERS AND COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Summer Quarter list and rosters for the various activities are posted through June 8 on the “Sign Up” bulletin board across from the Chapel. Completed Summer Quarter schedules will be distributed beginning next Sunday, June 15. If there are periods when you should not be scheduled, please indicate that in the appropriate spaces of the schedule “Away”, or roster – “Comments”. This is especially important during the period of summer vacations. You may use the appropriate roster to increase or decrease your involvement in any of these activities. I especially need more people to serve as coffee hour hosts. Bob Railey

Interfaith Service

The Peace and Social Justice Committee of Marquette will hold an interfaith service **this evening** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on the corner of Presque Isle Ave. and Fair Ave. Mohey Mowafy will be the speaker.

HAITI MISSION

Please remember in your prayers Burt Purrington and his mission team as they travel to Haiti and his family as they await his safe return. Thank you for the many contributions, both supplies and money that were donated.

Historic Church Tour

The Marquette County History Museum is sponsoring a tour of four historic churches in Marquette on Tuesday June 10, 2008 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The tour begins at St. Peter's Cathedral, 311 W. Baraga Avenue at 1p.m. and will continue at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, then proceed to **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** at 2:30 and will end at the First Presbyterian Church on Front Street. Tour guides will tell stories about early Marquette residents who were members of these historic churches. Find out which church structure is the oldest, dating back to 1873. Discover which churches were originally destroyed by fires. Learn the architectural styles of these magnificent structures. Hear about Bishop Baraga and visit his burial crypt. View beautiful stained glass windows and hear a performance of an English handbell choir. This program is open to the public and is a part of the Marquette County History Museum's summer program series. For more information, contact the museum at 226-3571.

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