

July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
St. Peter, Mechanicsburg

GATHERING // PRELUDE

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR NEW MEMBER WITH 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 power of 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 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**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be ... generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin ... Reconciling God,

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in
our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to
believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own
benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love,
renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in
newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God ... through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 25:19-34 // Romans 8:1-11 // Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *without singing, meditate on the words as this hymn is played*

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
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where love can grow and peace is understood.

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When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

If my way is dark, help me understand.
Should I start to faint, refresh me with your command
If the thorns surround, lift me to higher ground.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord let my heart be good soil.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

PEACE *remaining in place, turn and offer a word or bow of peace to your neighbors*

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION // LORD'S PRAYER // COMMUNION

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you with mercy. May God look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Alex Martini Director of Music Ministries: Karl Segletes
Organist: Susan Niedzwiecki Musicians: Priss Bashore, Faith Klemick