

July 19, 2020
Seventh 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

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and
compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted
in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 28:10-19a // Romans 8:12-25 // Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON

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

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will;
form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
as we guide and teach each other,
help us to share your love with the world:
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!

2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears;
help us tell the world your story.

Build us up, Lord, build us up;
help us bear good fruit for you,

Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.

Refrain
Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!

Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

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

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