

July 26, 2020
8th Sunday After Pentecost
St. Peter, Mechanicsburg

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

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.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 29:15-28

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleansing me from its guilt and pow'r.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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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