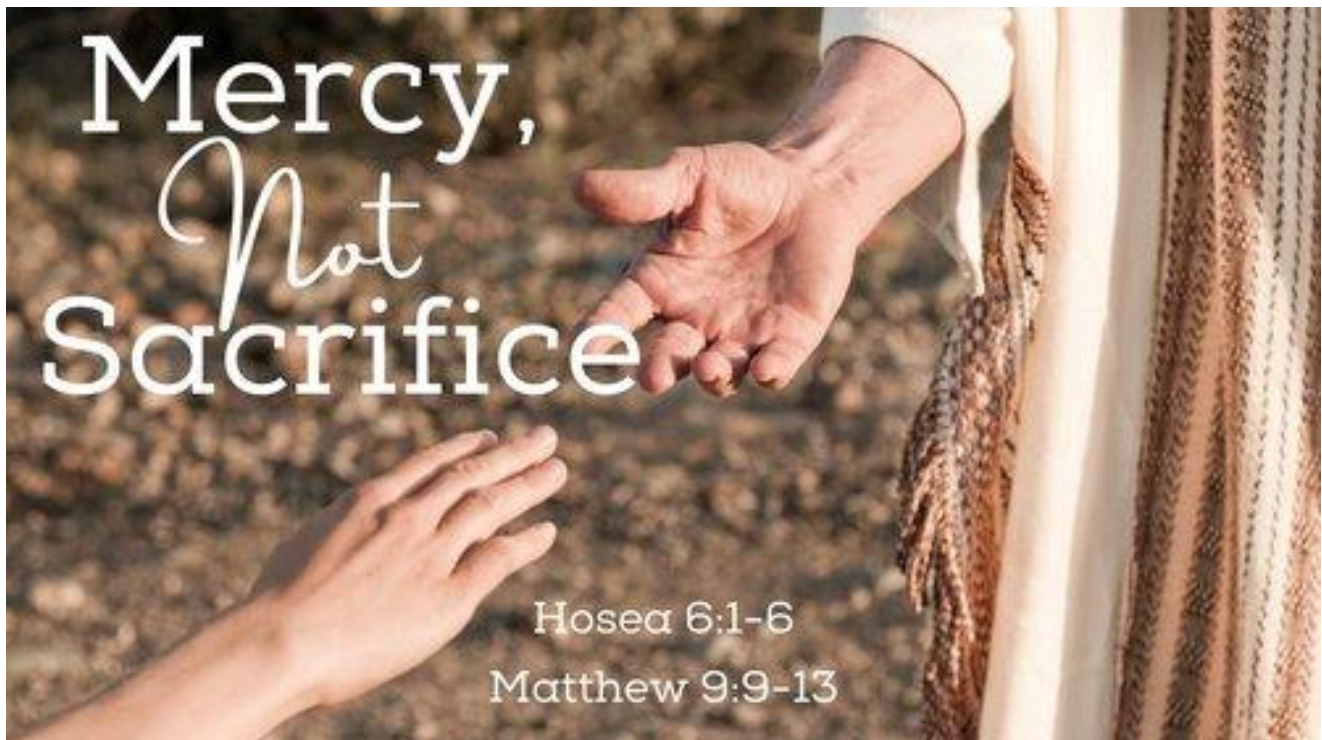




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## June 11, 2023 Second Sunday After Pentecost



**PRELUDE**

**John Cribb**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

### **How Great is Our God**

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;**

**let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.**

**God wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at God's voice, and trembles at God's voice.**

## **REFRAIN**

**How great is our God!**

**Sing with me: How great is our God!**

**And all will see how great, how great is our God.**

**And age to age God stands, and time is in God's hands;**

**Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.**

**The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.**

## **REFRAIN**

**And Name above all names, worthy of all praise.**

**My heart will sing: How great is our God.**

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise.**

**My heart will sing: How great is our God.**

## **REFRAIN**

## **GREETING**

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**GLORIA p. 204** (red hymnal, front section)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Maker of surpassing worth;  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Maker's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Let us pray together.

**O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

### **FIRST LESSON: Hosea 5:15-6:6**

*[The congregation will read the **bold** words.]*

I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

“Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for it is God who has torn, and God will heal us;  
God has struck down, and God will bind us up.  
After two days God will revive us;  
on the third day God will raise us up,

that we may live before God.

**Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;**

God's appearing is as sure as the dawn;

God will come to us like the showers,

like the spring rains that water the earth."

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,

I have killed them by the words of my mouth,

and my judgment goes forth as the light.

**For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,**

**the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

"Listen, my people, and I will speak:

Israel, I will bear witness against you;

for I am God, your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;**

**your burnt offerings are always before me.**

I will not accept a calf from your stalls,

nor goats from your pens;

**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,**

**the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know every bird of the mountains,

and the creatures of the fields are mine.

**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,**

**for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,

or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving**

**and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble;

**I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.**

**Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

**(The congregation reads the bold words.)**

[Paul writes:]

The promise that he would inherit the world

did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law

but through the righteousness of faith.

If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs,

faith is null and the promise is void.  
For the law brings wrath;  
but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith,  
in order that the promise may rest on grace  
and be guaranteed to all his descendants,  
not only to the adherents of the law  
but also to those who share the faith of Abraham  
(for he is the father of all of us, as it is written,  
“I have made you the father of many nations”)—  
in the presence of the God in whom he believed,  
who gives life to the dead  
and calls into existence the things that do not exist.  
Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,”  
according to what was said,  
“So numerous shall your descendants be.”  
He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body,  
which was already as good as dead  
(for he was about a hundred years old),  
or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.  
No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God,  
but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,  
being fully convinced that God was able to do what God had promised.  
Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”  
**Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone,  
but for ours also.**  
It will be reckoned to us who believe in him  
who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,  
who was handed over to death for our trespasses  
and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 205 (red hymnal, front section)**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The gospel lesson for this Second Sunday after Pentecost is from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of Matthew,  
beginning with the ninth verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

**(The congregation shall read the bold words.)**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth;  
and he said to him, **“Follow me.”**  
And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house,  
many tax collectors and sinners came  
and were sitting with him and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,  
“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

But when he heard this, he said

**“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.  
Go and learn what this means,  
‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’  
For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”**

While he was saying these things to them,  
suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying,

“My daughter has just died;  
but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”

And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years  
came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,  
for she said to herself,

“If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.”

Jesus turned, and seeing her he said,

**“Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.”**

And instantly the woman was made well.

When Jesus came to the leader’s house  
and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,  
he said,

**“Go away;  
for the girl is not dead but sleeping.”**

And they laughed at him.

But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand,  
and the girl got up.

And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SENIORS**

**Gwendolyn Muff  
Samantha Rocha**

**SERMON HYMN Christ, the Life of All the Living #339 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Christ the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suffering, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;  
for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;  
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,  
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 to judge the living and 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain,

- Monica Stephens, friend of Heidi Carney - spot on her lungs
- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter - undiagnosed illness
- Darel Sorensen and family, in the death of Betty
- The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose entire church building burned up on Easter Sunday afternoon
- Donna Cuvelier - friend of Gail B., numerous health concerns
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Heidi Carney - Diagnostic tests
- Kate Anderson
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Gary Brochtrup - cataract surgery on June 14
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- Tom & Joyce Bauer and Kevin & Nikki Rocha who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray also, O God, for those whom we have not named yet, but are also in need of our support and intercession, especially,



*[You may name out loud or in your heart, those who are on your hearts, this morning.]*

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us share that peace with one another.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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

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

### **PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 207** (red hymnal, front section)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it  
and gave it to his disciples saying,  
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,  
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**LAMB OF GOD p. 208                      (red hymnal, front section)**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away  
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

#### **TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]*

**COMMUNION HYMN                      O Bread of Life from Heaven #480  
(red hymnal, rear section)**

**O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given,  
O manna from above:  
feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness  
the souls that want and need your love.**

**O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming**

**from Jesus' wounded side:  
come now, your love bestowing on thirsting souls, and flowing  
till all are fully satisfied.**

**We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor  
within these means of grace.  
Oh, let the veil be riven, and our clear eye in heaven  
behold your glory fact to face.**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:  
**We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
AMEN.**

### **BLESSING**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN    The Lord Now Sends Us Forth #538 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live.  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live.**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
to do what we are meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

**John Cribb**

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Thank you to:

- **Nikki Rocha**, for being assistant minister today.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 2, Episode 1. New participants are welcome!
- We will be honoring and praying for our **high school graduates** during worship on today. They are **Samantha Rocha and Gwen Muff**.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, June 5th, at 9:30 am. We will be discussing next week's lessons: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8. Talk with Pastor Brian if you are newly interested in attending.
- **The Outreach Committee** will meet on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, June 14th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are just beginning a new curriculum, watching a video called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This is a good time to join in! This week's subject will be Israel's Wandering in the Wilderness.
- **Coffee Club** will be meeting Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 am at the Buttercup Café on Morro Bay Blvd. in Morro Bay. All are welcome!
- If you too would like to create **bulletin cover art** such as we have seen done by our young people recently, please talk with Pastor Brian.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.  
(bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events: [morrobaylutherans.org](http://morrobaylutherans.org)**