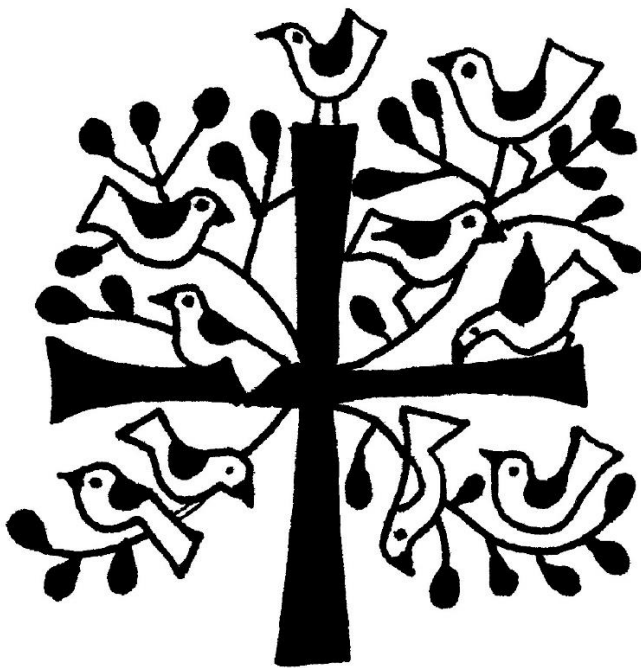


Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran
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June 16, 2024



Worship in the Park- 9:30am
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4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Good, Good Father" by Zealand Worship

CCLI Song #7036612 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdRRN2vym_I

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WCLC MISSION STATEMENT: *As children of God, called to love God and one another, we proclaim the Word of God through study, prayer, worship, and discipleship. We serve those in need within our congregation, our community, and our world as an expression of God's love for us. LOVE, PROCLAIM, SERVE!*

GATHER HYMN: "Faith Of Our Fathers" (Orchard Enterprises)

CCLI #5522509 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EVPVS9EGeQ>

Vs. 1

*Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!*

*Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!*

Vs. 2

*Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate,
If they, like them should die for thee:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!*

Vs. 3

*Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is

always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

KYRIE (Spoken)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Run To The Father” by Cody Carnes and Kari Jobe CCLI #7133494 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aCFAcV_2LE

“This song is really just about any moment that you need to run to the Father. Yes it can be about salvation that’s a big part of the song, but it’s also just about needing God everyday. So many times we want to run away from God but the reality is that God has open arms. He’s a loving father. He’s kind. He’s a healer. He’s a surgeon. He’s a friend.” – Cody Carnes

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 92:1-4, 12-15 (Responsively)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I
shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit ¹in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So

whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia.

C: Alleluia.

P: Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. Alleluia. (*James 1:21*)

C: Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at

once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"This Is My Father's World"* ELW 824
CCLI #6167640 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFvXL8d10eY>

- 1 *This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.*
- 2 *This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.*
- 3 *This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!*

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God, **C:** receive our prayer.

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: "Blessed Be Your Name" by Matt Redman
CCLI# 3798438

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw4H5t3TWHM>

*Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name*

*Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name*

*Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I'll say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name*

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You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love. Proclaim. Serve.

C: Thanks be to God.


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Prayer List

Requested: Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Jennifer Ruckdashel, Karen Kerner, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Marilyn Knutsen.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Marilyn Knutsen, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Judy Nelson.

In the Military: Jeff Kleppe, Nathan Guyer, Major Stephanie Wilkins, Kennedy White.

 Please keep the family & friends of Jennifer Ruckdashel in your thoughts and prayers. Jennifer passed away on Saturday, June 8th.

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Flow Thru: \$250.00

Regular: \$1,160.00

Total General Fund: \$1,427.72

Building Fund: \$50.00

Attendance: 30

Noisy Can: \$16.72

Loose: \$1.00



Wed. 6/19

9am

Sarah Circle

1pm

Mary Circle

2pm

Ruth Circle

Sun. 6/23

9:30am

Worship @ church
Holy Communion


10:30am

Fellowship

4pm

Sunday Mtg.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 2nd Quarter (April - June) will go to Jo Kramer from Waucoma, for her ongoing health concerns and cancer treatments. Jo writes a blog about her experiences with her illness.



Direct Deposit Offering is available for your weekly/monthly offering. Simply contact the office for account and routing information. It's fast and easy!



Senior Game Day is on Wed., June 12th, from 2-4pm. Come join us for some snacks and fun! All are welcome!

PARADE PARTICIPANT WANTED. West Clermont is entering a float for the 175th Clermont Celebration and we need people to hand out candy and trinkets and some to ride on the float. Please contact the office if you would like to participate. All ages!



CANDY DONATIONS FOR PARADE. We would like to hand out candy at the 175th parade and are looking for donations from you. All candy must be individually wrapped (no chocolate- it melts) Donations can be dropped off in the church office.



ECUMENICAL CHOIR FOR JULY 7TH. On July 7th, we will be hosting the Ecumenical Worship in the Park for the 175th Clermont Celebration. There will be a choir that day. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact June Swenson.



June Worship Schedule

June 23- church (Holy Communion)

June 30- church (Baptism & Quilt of Valor Presentation)

