



June 27, 2021
5th Sunday of Pentecost



Worship Participants

Preaching Today: Rev. Justin Grimm
Assisting Minister: Pastor Meredith McGrath
Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss
Reader: Pastor Lamont Koerner

Climbing Trees: Our Summer series begins with the story of Zacchaeus. The man who climbed a tree hoping for a clearer view of Jesus. Jesus is always “passing through.” We all hope to catch a glimpse of Jesus. We are all too short. But the truth is, Jesus always sees us, just as he saw Zacchaeus, and comes to “our house for dinner.”

Prelude

Welcome

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn: Tree Song

Chorus: I've got roots growing
Down to the water
I've got leaves growing
Up to the sunshine
And the fruit that I bear
Is a sign of life in me
I am shade from the hot summer sundown
I am nest for the birds of the heaven
I'm becoming what the Lord
Of trees has meant me to be
A strong young tree

Verse 1: I saw a tree by the riverside
One day as I walked along
Straight as an arrow
And pointing to the sky
Growing tall and strong
How do you grow so tall and strong
I said to the riverside tree
This is the song that
My tree friend sang to me

Verse 2: I saw a tree in the winter time
When snow lay on the ground
Straight as an arrow
And pointing to the sky
And winter winds blew all around
How do you stay so tall and strong
I said to the wintertime tree
This is the song that
My tree friend sang to me

Verse 3: I saw a tree in the city streets
Where buildings blocked the sun
Green and lovely I could see
It gave joy to ev'ryone
How do you grow in the city streets
I said to the downtown tree
This is the song that
My tree friend sang to me

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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

God of wonders, give us fresh eyes to better see you. Help us put aside our fears and hesitations, that we may care for ALL our neighbors. You are the source of light, wisdom, and life for the world. We aspire to be compassionate like you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-4

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

Hymn: *The Trees of the Field (You Shall Go Out With Joy)*, sing 2 times

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

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Apostles' 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 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.**

Offering

Offering Prayer

God of wonders, we are grateful for the trees you give us to climb. Help us to climb farther into your stories: seeing you more fully, breathing more peacefully, sharing ourselves more completely. To you we gladly offer ourselves; our work, our rest, our resources, and our love. In your blessed name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Sending

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude