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Order of Worship 06-23-2024, 10:30 AM

5th Sunday after Pentecost

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!”

Gathering Music: “Don’t Feel Tired” (arr. by Jacqueline B. Hairston) Austin & Music Team

Welcome & Announcements Deacon Robin

- **Call to Worship Deacon Robin**

One: How very good and pleasant it is when the beloved community lives together in unity!

All: **It is like the precious oil on our heads which anoints our worship and praise.**

One: It is like a soft mist, which falls on the mountains of the earth.

All: **For there. God has ordained the blessing, life forevermore.**

- ***Opening Hymn: “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”*** **No. 730**

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION & RECONCILIATION Deacon Robin:

As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace.

All: Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Rev. Bob: “Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— “I believed, and so I

spoke”—we also believe, and therefore we also speak” in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God’s Love by the grace of Christ

All: We know the love of the Divine grace that is always there in the name of Jesus. Amen.

• **Hymn of Grace**

No. 734

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Spirit One;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

A Story Moment

Rev. Bob

PASSING THE PEACE

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 (NRSVUE)

Deacon Robin

6 As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

“At an acceptable time, I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, ⁹ as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, ¹⁰ as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections but only in yours. ¹³ In

return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Sermon/Reflection: Now is the time!

Rev. Bob

- **Hymn: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” No. 574**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Bob

Prayer Requests & Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer: (using “debts” and “debtors”)

All

Sung Response: “Let the Church Say Amen”

*Let the church say amen, Let the church say
amen,
Altogether, let the church say amen.*

DELIGHTING IN GIVING Rev. Bob

***Special Music: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
(No. 729) Austin & Music Team***

- **Doxology “Give Thanks No. 359**

*Give Thanks, with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One.*

*Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his
Son.*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich,"

*Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give
thanks!*

**• PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING &
DEDICATION All**

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and
dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our
work in Christ's Name. Amen.**

- Closing Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
No.134**

Benediction:

Rev. Bob

- *Benediction Response (sung): "God Be
with You"***

God be with you,

God be with you,

God be with you 'till we meet again.

O---God be with you,

God be with you,

God be with you 'till we meet again.

Closing Music: “Over My Head”

Austin & Music Team

Calendar & Announcements

- Rev. Bob will be
 - at Hope on Tuesday and Thursday.
 - at Riverside on Wednesday.
- Please contact Rev. Bob directly by phone, (401) 339-6134 or email, nolan062400@gmail.com if you would like to visit him during his office hours or at an alternative time.
- Chris will be on vacation this week (6/25-6/27).
- The “**Get Crafty**” group is suspending meetings for the Summer. They will start up again in September.
- **Cobweb Community thrift shop @ Riverside Church Cobweb Shop**
Wednesday-Thursdays 9-12 & Second Saturdays of the month 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- **Lighthouse Community food rescue mission @ Riverside Church** Wednesdays - Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.