



**Don't be
afraid; just
BELIEVE.**

Mark 5:36

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6th Sunday of Pentecost

June 30, 2024

Worship on Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Worship Mondays: 7:00 pm

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

With One Voice Setting

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed; in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to all visitors, and thank you for worshipping with us at Epiphany!
Please sign our guest register at the front door.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ have mercy on us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN 423 *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”* (Green Hymnal)

Lord whose love in humble service, bore the weight of human need.
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed.
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart.
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread.
Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion, healed the sick and freed the soul.
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light.
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight.
Making known the need and burdens, your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

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

KYRIE *(sing)*

A: *Kyrie eleison*

C: Lord have mercy.

A: *Christe eleison*

C: Christ have mercy.

A: *Kyrie eleison*

C: Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE *(WOV p.29) Blue Hymnal*

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth.

1. Lord God heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated on the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. *Refrain*
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Last Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth,
and peace to God’s people on earth.

SALUTATION

P: the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-23

The Book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587b.c.e. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

P: The Holy Gospel for this the 6th Sunday in the season of Pentecost is according to Mark, the 5th chapter beginning with the 21st verse

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **543** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* (Green Hymnal)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear, now to his temple draw near.

Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.

And, as on wings of an eagle up lifting sustaining.

Have you not seen, all that is needful has been,

Sent by his gracious ordaining.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do.

If with his love he be-friend you.

Praise to the Lord, Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the amen, sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

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 life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *A brief silence.*

God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for...*Sarah, Don, Vera, Jim, Barb, Sara, George, Karen, Sandi* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts... all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
AMEN

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet one another with the sign of peace.



Place offerings in basket on baptismal font.

OFFERINGS *Please remember offerings can be mailed to
6606 Maplecrest Road Fort Wayne IN 46835
or sent through our website at www.epiphanyfw.com.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray, Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: we lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: *It is indeed right and salutary We praise your name and join their unending hymn: (sing)*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION



Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table!

Those baptized who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to receive the elements.

We will come up by sections to receive communion and return to our seats around the back side of the altar. Used communion cups are placed in baskets.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strength you and keep you in his grace

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us Pray, Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he is us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 771 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Blue Hymnal)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain – Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessing all mine with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor	Richard Hartman
Pianist 10:15	Amanda Pickett
Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00	Dave York
Lector 10:15	Cathy Rumfield
Communion Assistant 10:15	Jack Swanson
Assistant Minister 10:15	Amber Logan
Greeter 8:00	
Greeter 10:15	



Karen Payne - TODAY!
Sheryl Goodspeed - July 4th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers today - in memory of Jeremy Dawkins by the Pickett Family.

July Altar Flowers There 1 week available July 14th. Check it out on the bulletin board.

JUNE OUTREACH - Receiving blankets and crib blankets (no fleece) needed, sweaters or jackets, socks, hand towels, short or long sleeved shirts and pants size 6months to 2T. If you want to make a donation we will shop for you!

July and August - we will start collecting the school supplies for the backpack school kits.

Watch Rummage and Garage Sales - Quilters can use sheets, blankets and mattress pads for middles and backs full size and larger.

Ongoing Military Support - Sending Care Packages - Granola Bars, Jerky, Gum, Mints, Life Savers, Power Bars, Chap stick, individual drink mixes, individual servings of coffee, and Emergen-C.

	Deposits	Paid bills	Balance
6/2/2024	2547.51	5255.62	(2708.11)
6/9/2024	2447.51	700.28	1747.23
6/16/2024	1624.51	3,749.47	(2124.96)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 6/30	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School
MONDAY	7:00 pm Worship
THURSDAY	Independence Day Office Closed <i>Zo Hosting Statewide Conference 4th- 7th</i>
FRIDAY	<i>12:00pm-11:00pm Zo Conference</i>
SATURDAY	<i>8:00 am - aa:00 pm Zo Conference</i>
SUNDAY 7/7	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Conference