

September 8, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Hear

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words..." Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck it up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

— Jeremiah 18:1-2, 5-11

Silence

Be still and be aware of God's Word to each of us...
"Elijah found that, the Lord, was not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence."

—1 Kings 19:11-13

Together We Pray

Dear God our creator, you have fashioned us carefully with your hands. You know us better than we know ourselves, and you alone comprehend the value of every creature. Help us become all for which we were created, and help us love our neighbors with all that we are. As we strive to follow the way of Jesus, hear our prayers.

Amen.

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving...

Response: Lord, hear our praise!

Together We 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. Amen.

Scripture and Meditation

He turned and said to them [the large crowds], "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit

down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

— Luke 14:27-33

Silence

Reflect on the scripture and know that the words of Jesus Christ are new and applicable for your days and our time.

Together We Pray

Have your own way, Lord! Have your own way. You are the potter; we are the clay. Make us and mold us after your will, while we are waiting, yielded and still. Amen.

Our prayers of Intercessions...

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Shaper of life and Giver of grace, you have shown us the cost of being your people and also the blessed benefits. We give you thanks for the crosses that are ours to bear, and for the strength to carry them. Help us always to follow the path of Jesus, who shows us the way, we pray in his name. Amen.

Communion With the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you. Response: And also be with you.
We lift up our hearts. Response: We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. We sing to you our words of praise,

Response: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and holy is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Today we remember in this bread your Holy Presence - mighty, yet mysterious; holy, yet humble; powerful, yet empowering. We remember you heard the cry of your people in ages past, and you hear us today.

Response: Christ, you have no body on earth but ours.

Today we remember in this cup the renewal of community you bring about, the good you work out even in the most desperate of situations. You are God of all.

Response: Lord make us instruments of your peace; voices of your justice, hearts of your compassion, hands of your mercy.

Hear the Gospel invitation from Christ...

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you... Do this in remembrance of me..."

"...Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." In these simple gifts, we find our communion with God in the mystery of our faith...

Response: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the juice of the fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The table before us was set long ago by our Lord Jesus Christ. The table is open to all that have come to pray with us today.

Sending Forth

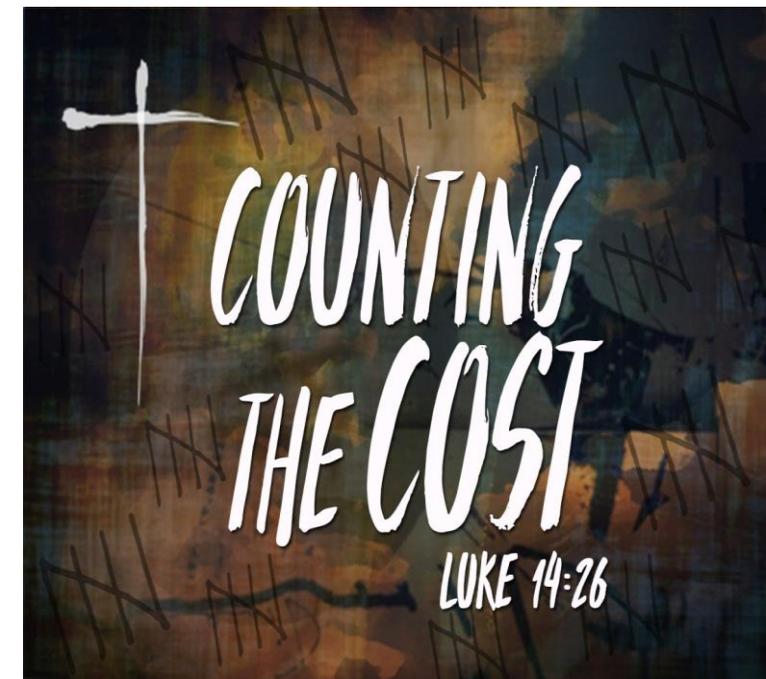
May the Potter who crafted you continue to shape your heart. May Christ who calls you charge you with his purpose for you. May the Spirit that sustains you help you to carry your cross, that you may honor God and bless the world...

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We Offer: May Jesus' peace be with you.

We Respond: May Jesus' peace be with you also.

—Our Worship In The Morning—
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Our Mission is to live our experience of God's love in all that we say and do...

Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community in the manner of Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...