# † SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION † 5:30 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. Third Sunday after Pentecost June 13, 2021

PRELUDE Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Melvin Rotermund

# **INVOCATION and CONFESSION** (Congregation rising)

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 service 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.

## **INTROIT** (from Psalm 92)

- P It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- C to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night.
- P For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work;
- C at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.
- P The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- C They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

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Ezekiel 17:22-24

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### **EPISTLE**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

 $^6$ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord -  $^7$ for we walk by faith, not by sight.  $^8$ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.  $^9$ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.  $^{10}$ For 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....  $^{14}$ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.  $^{15}$ And 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.  $^{16}$ From 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.  $^{17}$ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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C Praise to You, O Christ.

# (9:00) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace that we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

**SERMON** "A New Creation" Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

# **THE APOSTLES' CREED** (Congregation rising)

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
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- C Amen.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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# **PREFACE** (Congregation rising)

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
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- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
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- 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.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE

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**POSTLUDE** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Franklin Ashdown

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### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE:**

	Lector	Usher Teams
5:30	Larry Cosentino	
9:00	Ellen Story	Ralph Schoene, Fred Swain
10:45	James Maxeiner	Skip Hansen, Kathy Coffey

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# † SERVICE OF BAPTISM & HOLY COMMUNION † 10:45 a.m.

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### **HANDBELL HYMNS**

Softly and Tenderly Come, O Almighty King

Judy Hunnicutt Raymond Herbek

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# **RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM** (insert)

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**MUSICAL OFFERING** 

This is My Father's World

Sandra Eithun

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### **NEWS AND NOTES:**

**Holy Baptism:** We rejoice with the newly baptized and welcome them into the family of faith. Ava Majernik, daughter of Anthony and Lisa Majernik, is being baptized at the 10:45 service on Sunday, June 13, 2021

**Flowers in the Chancel** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Anne Losee as she retires from teaching after 46-1/2 years, from the Village Belles.

**Prayer Conference call** will be held for the final time this year on **Tuesday**, **June 15**, **at 6:00 p.m.** If you have a prayer request, please fill out the back side of the Attendance form or contact the church office, <u>KRapillo@VLC-NY.org</u> or 914-337-0207, x1003, no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

**Outdoor Choir**: We are gathering on the Great Porch to sing together. Our tentative meeting time is Thursday evenings, but all details are confirmed each week based on the weather and other activities. If you would like to join in, please email Minister of Music Deb Reiss at DReiss@VLC-NY.org for updates.

**Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP:** Drop off items in the Blessing Baskets in the Friendship Room on weekends or leave them with the receptionist during the week. Outdoor drop-off is **Thursday**, **June 17**.

**SOUP KITCHEN MEALS**: Our next date is **Wednesday, June 23**. Sign up in advance to choose your food item, pick up a tray, prepare food at home, and drop off at church between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. For more info, contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or <a href="Meanth:NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org">NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org</a>

**Outdoor Summer Evening Prayer:** Informal sung service, using the LSB hymnal and led by members of the music ministry with Pastor Geminn. The service consists of hymns, Scripture, prayers and sung liturgy. Our first scheduled date will be **Wednesday**, **June 23**, **at 7:30 p.m.** (no rain date).

Summer Worship - From July 4 through September 5 (Labor Day Weekend):

- Saturday service is suspended and will resume in September
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. on the Great Porch using All God's People Sing, with summer refreshments available outside after the service
- Sunday 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary with hymns and spoken liturgy
- **Lectors** are needed for both Sunday services. We are also looking for **vouth sextons** to set up the outdoor service and prepare for worship.

If interested in serving as lector or sexton, fill out the back side of the Attendance form or contact the church office, <a href="mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org">KRapillo@VLC-NY.org</a> or 914-337-0207, x1003.

**The NYC Marathon is November 7.** Team Chapel has five spots, and each runner must commit to raising \$3,000 by November 1. If you or someone you know is interested in running, please send name, address and phone number via email to Pastor Hartwell at <a href="mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.org">PastorH@VLC-NY.org</a> or Kim Zwisdak at <a href="mailto:KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org">KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org</a>

**Prayer Line**: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Bill Blume, Frank Clark, Barbara DeGeorge, Harry Dunkak, Deacon Faith Forliano, Annabella Hansen, Byung Kim, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Frank Lyman, Tiffany Ramos Meneres, Chip Orr, Sylvia Puig, Ralph Qualetero, Bryan Schmeling, Lila Slattery, Steve Smith, Ben Tashoff, Berta Wetzel

**Bereavement Prayer Line:** We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

- † **Susan Pulaski**, who passed away on June 6, 2021; funeral service at Westchester Funeral Home on June 13 at 12:30 p.m.
- † **Frederick Maudsley IV**, brother-in-law of Annie Hillier, who passed away on June 6, 2021