**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**READINGS**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 55:10-13

**RESponsiVE psalm** Psalm 65:9-13 *See hymn page*

**Second Lesson** Romans 8:1-2, 9-11

**GOSPEL** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN** ELW #516 *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

*Offer to those present and those with you in spirit*

*a gesture of peace, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”*

**OFFERING**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN** ELW **#**836 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**  Variations on a Theme from R. Schumann: Theme

— C. Schumann

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor

Ben D’Annibale, Music Director, Pianist, and Video Editor

Melissa Crotty and Heather Hafer, Singers

*Prayers for those with immediate concerns*

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST JULY 12, 2020**

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:11**

God says, “My word that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me

empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

**PRELUDE** Theme and Variations in E-flat major for piano, WoO 24: Theme

— R. Schumann

**OPENING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Reconciling God, **we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance,**

**and we fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We place our hope in ourselves** **and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others** **as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;** **through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING HYMN** ELW #533 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

**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.**