

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Questions to Live (and Suffer) By

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### AS WE GATHER

For all of the Bible's reassurances of how much God loves us, cares for us, protects and guides us, it is, nevertheless, of our fallen, sinful nature that we still at times harbor doubts and even despairingly want to argue with God Himself and question His love and promises. The undying question is "Why?" The troubles, setbacks, trials, tragedies, and reverses in life do that. The Word before us today describes those times with the imagery of the destructive power of raging water and the greater power of God to deliver from threatening distress. Even when threatened with a raging flood, we are reminded that our help is still in the God who created everything. The trials of the otherwise "blameless and upright" man of God named Job (1:1) and the Lord's patient yet commanding love in His answer to Job's complaint should remind us to live our faith in daily repentance yet always still in praise of our saving God.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

You also were included in Christ  
when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.  
Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13 NIV

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #807 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
When evening shadows fall, This rings my curfew call;  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs;  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's holy house of prayer Hath none that can compare  
With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

No lovelier antiphon In all high heav'n is known  
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
There to th' eternal Word Th' eternal psalm is heard:  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find;  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
Let all the earth around Ring joyous with the sound:  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,  
Sing, "Jesus, Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er, Both now and evermore  
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!"

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Behold, now is the favorable time;

**People: behold, now is the day of salvation.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: "In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help." Let us prepare to receive the Lord's instruction and deliverance this day by recalling our brokenness and sin, begging our Creator and Redeemer for forgiveness and deliverance.

**People: Almighty God, in our weakness we are tempted to complain about our troubles and sufferings. Yet we know all the pains we endure are the result of our own sin and waywardness. Speak now your promised forgiveness to us. Give us the faith to endure, trusting solely in your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.**

✠ WORD ✠

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, in your mercy guide the course of this world so that your church may joyfully serve you in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Job 38:1–11* (God is Creator, you are not!)

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. <sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *2 Corinthians 6:1–13* (Christ's love compels perseverance through all hardships.) Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 4:35–41* (Jesus calms the storm.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **“Father I Adore You”** Terrye Coelho

Father, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Jesus, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Spirit, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Three-in-one, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

#### **SERMON HYMN #728 “How Firm a Foundation”**

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

### **SERMON**

(Rise)

#### **OFFERTORY**

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\times$  of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank You, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wondrous works to the children of men. You hold power over wind and wave, sin and death. Deliver us from every trouble and distress, and bring us at last to our eternal haven. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** God of our salvation, you have ushered in the favorable time and day of salvation through the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Support all your ministers, and remove all obstacles from hearing and believing the Word they preach. Let your grace be proclaimed through every hardship, struggle and suffering, and encourage us by the example of many saints to consider ourselves rich and alive despite every opposition, for since we have Christ, we possess everything. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Let this be especially true in our marriages Lord. We thank you for the marriage of Jack and Barb Burkee as they celebrate their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. We thank you for the years of blessings, and we ask that you continue to strengthen and bless their marriage in the years to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, you rule this world by your power. Give to our civil servants respect and recognition of Your creation and its nature. When they use the authority given them from above, let it be in accord with your good design for our world and not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Mighty Lord, you command wind and wave. Out of your mercy, spare us from disaster. Give success to crops; send suitable rain for the earth; give protection to those endangered by storms on land, sea or air; and give us faith both to call to you in trouble and to trust that you will work everything for our good for the sake of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Gracious Father, you see that we are perishing, yet you bid us to set our fears aside and trust in you for the sake of Christ, by whose blood we have received peace for our troubled consciences. Do not reject our prayers for their faithlessness, but teach us to trust in you fully. Give your protection and peace to those in need especially Wendy, June, Audrey, Janice, David, Helga, Ruth, Karen, Dick, Michael, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Danielle, Marlene, RoseMarie, Dorothy, Marga, Ardis, Noah, Guy, Mike, Jill, Janet, Vern, Cathy, Shirley and Sarah. Also be with Al Weil as he remembers his beloved Judy on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Help all who mourn, who lament in the torments of this life. Still their hearts, reminding them that you have the power to calm the wind and wave. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, we join with the sons of God and shout for joy as Christ Jesus gives to us His true body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Let us not doubt but firmly believe your Word, that You who formed our world and its matter know well how to be present for us and our forgiveness in this Sacrament. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**HYMN #750 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"**

If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.

Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.

What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.

Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.

God knows full well when times of gladness Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware And makes thee own His loving care.

Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev'rything.

All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

**HYMN #658 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"**

Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this later day.  
And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.  
O keep our faith from failing: Keep hope's bright star aglow.  
Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite;  
Convince, convert, enlighten The souls in error's night.  
Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below,  
Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know.

Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood;  
Protect what You have chosen Against the hellish flood.  
Be always our defender When dangers gather round;  
When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.

Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole,  
The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul.  
Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace,  
Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock;  
Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock.  
Stand at the helm, our pilot, And set the course aright;  
Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal light.

**HYMN #783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, you neither slumber nor sleep but graciously have fulfilled our desire for your help by feeding us with heavenly food, the precious body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. By His living in us, guide us waking and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace; for you live and reign in our world today, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #717      “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O’er which our traffic runs amain  
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev’ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle’s flight,  
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev’ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow’r, Our people shield in danger’s hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe’er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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