

The AACRC Gathers in Homes  
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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, welcome to worship. Though we find ourselves physically separated, we know that God is One: revealed in Christ Jesus, accessible by the Spirit. Wherever you are this morning, it is our confident hope that as we gather, Christ is in our midst. Streamed and archived at [www.youtube.com/c/AnnArborCRC](http://www.youtube.com/c/AnnArborCRC)*

### PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

### CALL TO WORSHIP & GOD'S GREETING

### GATHERING PSALM: 71

Alleluia, Alleluia – Red Hymnal 958

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;  
turn your ear to me and save me.  
Be my rock of refuge,  
to which I can always go;  
give the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,  
my confidence since my youth.  
From birth I have relied on you;  
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.  
I will ever praise you.  
I have become a sign to many;  
you are my strong refuge.  
My mouth is filled with your praise,  
declaring your splendor all day long.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,  
of your saving acts all day long—  
though I know not how to relate them all.  
I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;  
I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.  
Since my youth, God, you have taught me,  
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.  
Even when I am old and gray,  
do not forsake me, my God,  
till I declare your power to the next generation,  
your mighty acts to all who are to come.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens,  
you who have done great things.  
Who is like you, God?  
Though you have made me see troubles,  
many and bitter,  
you will restore my life again;  
from the depths of the earth  
you will again bring me up.  
You will increase my honor  
and comfort me once more.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

I will praise you with the harp  
for your faithfulness, my God;  
I will sing praise to you with the lyre,  
Holy One of Israel.  
My lips will shout for joy  
when I sing praise to you—  
I whom you have delivered.  
My tongue will tell of your righteous acts  
all day long,  
for those who wanted to harm me  
have been put to shame and confusion.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.  
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### SONG

Open Our Eyes, Lord – Green Songbook 80

### SERMON: TENSION

Acts 15:1-21 – Pastor Ryan

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*One: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts!*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*... With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven  
we worship and adore your glorious name:*

**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!**

*... Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:*

**Christ has died!  
Christ is risen!  
Christ will come again!**

## **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion – Sandra McCracken

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **SENDING SONG**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – Red Hymnal 965

## **WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING**

## **POSTLUDE**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion – Sandra McCracken

Preacher – Pastor Ryan Boes  
Liturgist/Guitar – Noah Livingston  
Cello/Bass – Victor Chen  
Piano – Marilyn McLaughlin

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