THE THREEFOLD GORD COMMUNITY OF

NILES COMMUNITY MORTON GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMUNITY CHURCH CARTER-WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2020

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering of the People - safely at home

Greeting and Welcome - Pastor Steve

Prelude "O God, We Bear the Imprint"

Lindsay Mecher

Announcements and Call to Worship

Leader: Praise to You, O Indwelling God,

to You we commit our lives, to You who hear our prayers.

People: Blessed are those who draw near to You, those who dwell in Your Heart.

Awaken us to your kindness, as we enter into Your Holy Temple,

as we open our heart to you.

Leader: At the rise of each morning, and as the sun sets at night,

the people bow their heads in reverent gratitude.

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Hymn #104 "How Shall I Meet You"

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

(Leader) To You we come when we go astray;

When our transgressions fill us with guilt, for You forgive us.

Through pain and suffering, your Presence sustains us,

(People) O Merciful One, our Comforter,

You are the hope of all the earth,

and your love reaches to the end of farthest seas;

By your Light you created the mountains,

and guided by Love, you created and redeemed the people.

You still the roaring seas of our hearts,

and the pounding of waves in our heads,

You know the tumult of the peoples

and provide a way to build peace and justice;

May all who dwell at the center of culture and even those at the

earth's outer bounds recognize and reverence You;

(quiet time for personal confession).

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Words of Forgiveness

(Leader) This is the good news;

You visited the earth and slaked our thirst, offering Living Streams of water; You fed the hungry, and taught Love's way. You watered hardened souls, filled with stone and weeds, softening them with kindness, and blessings their growth, inviting all to Eternal Life.

Word Proclaimed

Scripture Lesson - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn # 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Sermon "Hearing, Seeing, Becoming the Good News"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Pastor Ken/CW

Prayer of the People - Pastor Ken/CW

Thanksgiving

Call for Offering

Offertory "We Plow the Fields" from Godspell

Sending

Closing Hymn #764 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "As The Deer" Martin Nystrom

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe