

JUNE 19, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Will You Let Me Be
Your Servant*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you felt like an outsider?
- What difference does it make to know that Christians are united through baptism with one purpose of being God's hands, feet, and voice in the world?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Galatians 3:23-29.

The law of God in the Old Testament served its purpose for the people of God. It was like a designated household tutor, "disciplinarian" (v. 25) that guided the children until they grew up. Through baptism, we are clothed with—we participate in—Christ's rule in our lives. Faith in Christ now replaces a tutor. That means a life now freed to love God and one another. We are freed from the old categories found in our cultures like honor and shame, insiders and outsiders, rich and poor, all the differences that lead to fear, anger, and distrust of one another. Those clothed in Christ through baptism are one people, one body. As we relate to one another in the Christian community, no more divisions of Gentile or Jew, no more male or female, no more slave or free to separate us from one mission, one faith, and one hope through one baptism (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Discuss: How does knowing we are one body in Christ through baptism affect your relationship to others in the church? In the world?

Pray: **Dear God, you who overcome all the barriers we create between people, help us to reach out to one another with your power that unites us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and the theme, how can you be accepting of Christians who express their faith differently from you?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Galatians 3:26-27 reminds us that in baptism we were "clothed" with or "put on" Christ. This week in your home, remember your baptism daily. Dip your fingers in a small bowl of water. Trace the sign of the cross on yourself or one another's foreheads. Say: **You are a child of God through faith in Jesus. In baptism you were clothed with Christ.**

Free to love God and one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons
Monday	Isaiah 65:1-9	Righteousness of God's judgment
Tuesday	Galatians 3:23-29	The purpose of the law
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Divisions in the church
Thursday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Final greetings
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 22:19-28	Suffering and praise
Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Creator God, you desire peace and unity on earth and in your church, the body of Christ. Free us to unite with one another for Christ's sake. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you and free you to tell others what God has done for you through Christ our Lord.



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