

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 24, 2020

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 am via Facebook Live

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered –

**new followers and lifelong disciples, the powerful and the powerless,
those who have too little and those who have too much.**

We have gathered –

**from living rooms and kitchen tables - seekers and skeptics, sinners and
saints, the poor in spirit and the rich in faith.**

We have gathered, eager to hear God's word.

We have gathered, for we are one in Christ.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: May God be with you in worship there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you long for us to be one, just as you are one. But we gravitate toward those who think like us, behave like us, pray like us, because it is easier than looking beyond difference to discover what is good and kind and faithful in those we call the other. Forgive us, we pray. Wash us in the waters of our baptism, so that, with one mind, we might continue the work you gave us to do.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

*THE GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 288)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 68

All realms of cre - a - tion now sing with e -
la - tion. Sing praise to your Mak - er, O sing ev - er - more.

John 17: 1-11

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Be Still My Soul*
Shelby Wooldridge, solo

*THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606) OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **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...**
...Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
Great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
Depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
Going ahead to light my way,
And from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears of all that bear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY