

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

6th Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Astonishing God, you give us a vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, your home among mortals on earth. All peoples and nations will stream to your city where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace. Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of your loving care for all creation. And so you call us to move beyond our comfortable circles and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream of a world made new in Christ. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"O Day of Peace"

arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Pentecost Offering

Melissa Canney

Introit "Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. W. R. Price, 2010

Now thank we all our God with heart and hand and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us.

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed

And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Call to Worship

Leader: We worship the Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

People: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

Leader: We worship Jesus Christ, a radical healer.

People: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

Leader: We worship the Holy Spirit, the teacher of peace.

People: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

*Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(read in unison)*

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You are faithful in your promise, but we fail to keep your word. You offer us the gift of peace, but we remain captive in our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us, heal our troubled hearts, and lead us to walk in your light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response Hymn

“Glory to God”

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Glory to God, glory to God, glo-ry in the high-est! Glory to God,
glory to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus! Glory to God, glory to God,
glo - ry to the Spir - it! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!
Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Scripture Reading

John 14:23-29

Choir Anthem "The Day of Resurrection"

arr. John Dixon, 2019

The day of resurrection! earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our God hath brought us over with hymns of victory,
Our hearts be pure from evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And listening to his accents may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All Hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin;
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end. Amen.

Third Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:10-27

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Church: Past, Present, and Future Perfect" Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** The Theological Declaration of Barmen (8.16-18)

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together."

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that

it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

***Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #377

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer pg. 35

Recognition of Our Sunday School Teachers (Pam Dennewitz, Paul Oswalt, Cody Smith, Hope Smith, Gina Wells, Gailyn Whipple)

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (refrain) #240

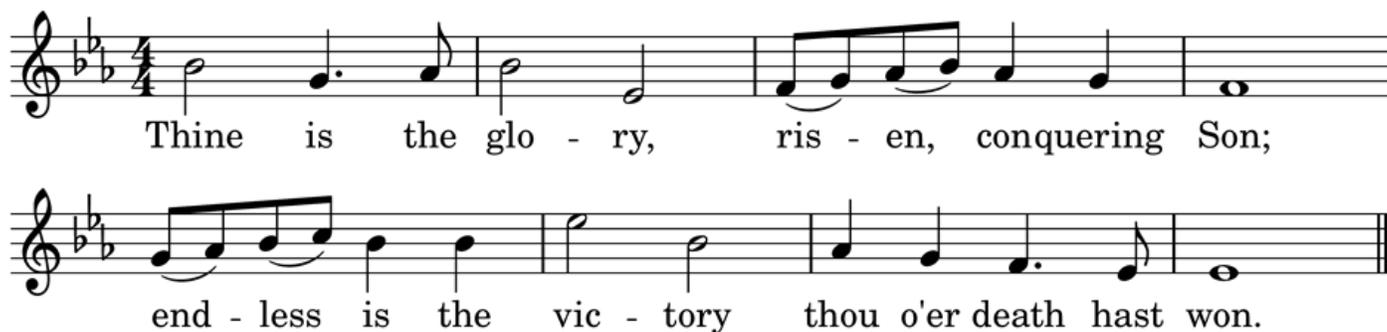
***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" #853

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response** "Thine Is the Glory" (refrain) #238



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, conquering Son;
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

***Postlude** "Lift High the Cross" arr. Gordon Young

Pastors: Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood
Steve Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Cindy Newman

Trumpets: Claudia Bow, Steve Bow

Flowers: Bob & Harriet Dana, in honor of our children.