

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** **May 29, 2022 (Outdoor Worship Service)**

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

**Silent Prayer of Preparation**

*We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of life—not just any life, but the new life that comes through the redeeming death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. In him do we give you praise. In him do we live. In him do we set our eyes on the world. Grant us your Spirit to see you at work in us and in our world. And give us the strength to persevere in all that we do. Amen.*

**Gathering Music**

**The Gathering of God's People**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

**People: Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Leader: Let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

**People: Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Leader: Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

**People: Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Leader: Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**\*Hymn**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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**The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Call to Confession**

## \*Prayer of Confession *(read in unison)*

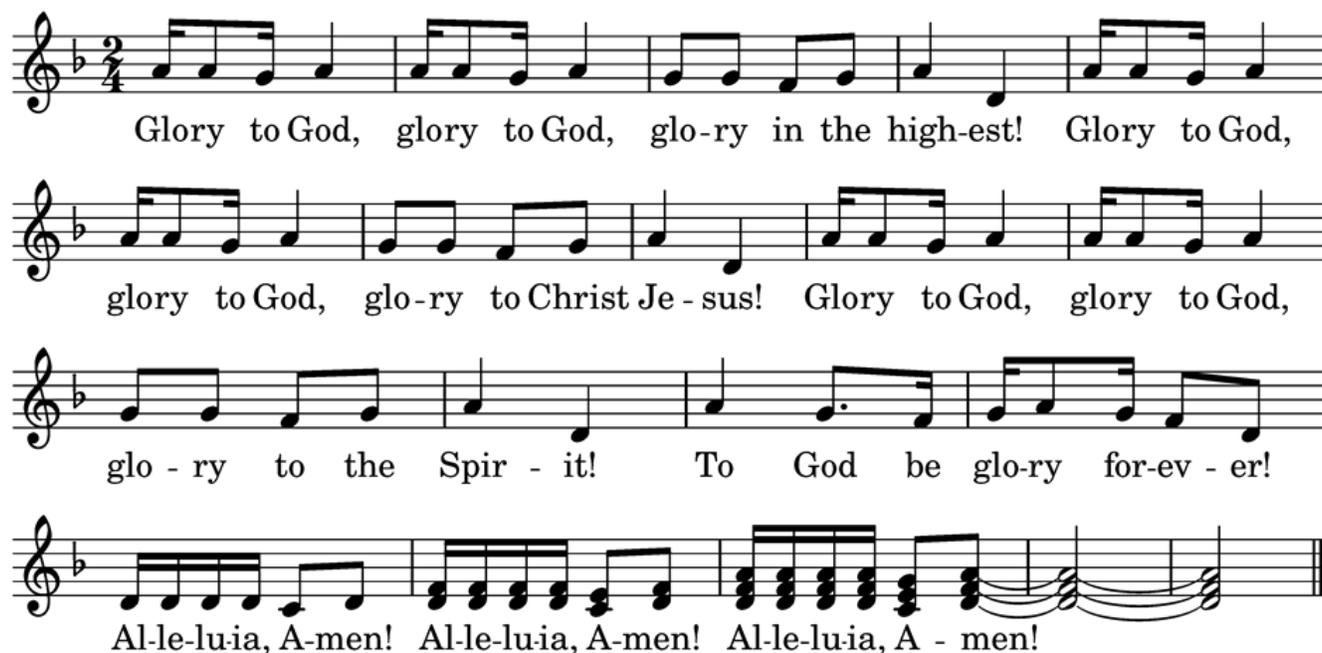
Gracious Power, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen. (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-luia, A-men! Al-le-luia, A-men! Al-le-luia, A - men!

## Ministry of the Word

## Prayer for Illumination

## Children's Sermon

## First Scripture Reading

Psalm 97

## Choir Anthem “I Need Thee Every Hour”

arr. Tom Birchwood, 1991

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford,  
(refrain) I need thee, O I need thee;  
Every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. (refrain)  
I need thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. (refrain)

## Second Scripture Reading

Revelation 22:12-21

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

“Doing Laundry”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

### The Response to the Word

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Scots Confession (3.11)

**We do not doubt but that the selfsame body which was born of the virgin, was crucified, dead, and buried, and which did rise again, did ascend into the heavens, for the accomplishment of all things, where in our name and for our comfort he has received all power in heaven and earth, where he sits at the right hand of the Father, having received his kingdom, the only advocate and mediator for us. Which glory, honor, and prerogative, he alone amongst the brethren shall possess till all his enemies are made his footstool, as we undoubtedly believe they shall be in the Last Judgment. We believe that the same Lord Jesus shall visibly return for this Last Judgment as he was seen to ascend. And then, we firmly believe, the time of refreshing and restitution of all things shall come, so that those who from the beginning have suffered violence, injury, and wrong, for righteousness' sake, shall inherit that blessed immortality promised them from the beginning.**

#### \*Hymn

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*When I say, “Holy God,” you will answer, “Hear our 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.**

#### \*Invitation to Offering

#### \*Response

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (refrain)

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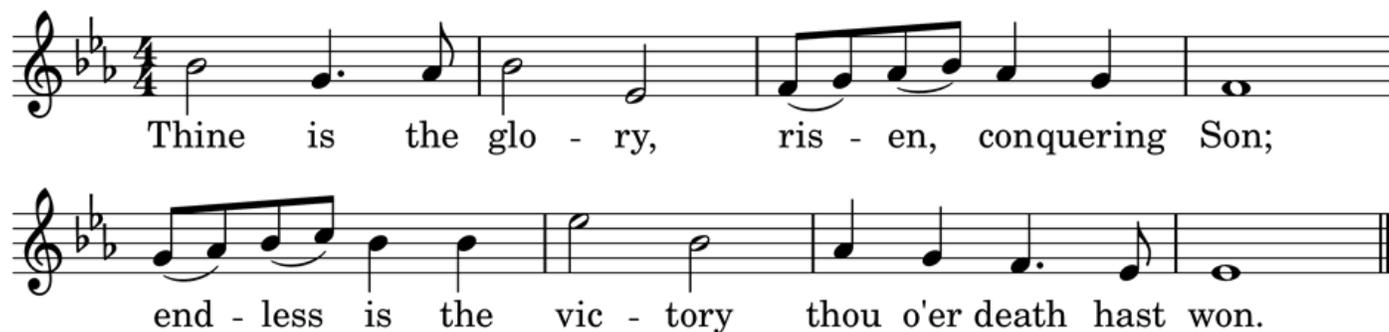
## \*Prayer of Dedication

### The Sending of God's People

\*Closing Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #366

## \*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 "Blessed Assurance" arr. Mark Hayes

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**Liturgist:** Cindy Newman

**Organist:** Carol Welk