

“Giving God Glory”
May 24, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Indicates Congregation Stands

AS WE GATHER: Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Following Jesus' ascension into heaven there was a period of time before the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples at Pentecost. It was a time of waiting for the power and blessings that God would bestow on the disciples. As the Holy Spirit comes to us today in our worship, please pray that He would empower our lives to a stronger faith and more involved Christian service.

PRESERVICE SONG – “Glorious Day”

***OPENING SONG – “Mighty to Save”**

Every one needs compassion, love that's never failing, Let mer-cy fall on me,
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, The hope of nations

Savior, he can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, Fill my life again
I'll give my life to follow, everything I believe in, Now I surrender

Savior, he can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing
For the glory of the risen king, Jesus
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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it, bringing praise to our ascended Lord. We believe that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead and later seated him at His right hand in His heavenly kingdom, with all power and glory. However, we have not always brought Him honor and glory through our words and actions. Therefore, in repentant faith, let us take a moment in silence to confess our sins to God.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection.)

Pastor: Almighty God,

All: We confess before You that we are sinful and unclean. Sin dwells in us like a disease. Our pride leads us to serve ourselves rather than You, and to take advantage of our neighbors instead of helping them. We do not deserve any of Your blessings. Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. Our only hope is in You.

Pastor: God is merciful and in His great love He sent His only Son, Jesus, to take our place and suffer the punishment for our sins. He humbled Himself and became obedient, even to the point of dying on the cross in our place. Having sacrificed Himself for our sins, He gives us the gift of forgiveness and new life in His resurrection. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of God and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING—Acts 1:12-26

(Matthias is chosen to replace Judas.)

SECOND LESSON—1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

(Christians will rejoice in the glory yet to be revealed.)

***HOLY GOSPEL—John 17:1-11**

(Jesus prays for Himself and His disciples.)

SERMON – “Giving God Glory”

*SONG OF THE DAY— “Onward Christian Soldiers”



On-ward Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,
Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
On-ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth-ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con-stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vi - ded, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry laud and hon - or Un-to Christ, the king;



For-ward in - to bat - tle See His ban-ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can-not fail.
This through count-less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

***CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)**

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

***OFFERING PRAYER**

All: Out of Your great love You provide us with all we need to support this body and life. Bless the offerings we bring in response to Your goodness, that their use may bring glory to You and may serve to build Your Kingdom here; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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*BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG—"Eternal Father Strong to Save"



E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os
O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
at Thy word, Who walkedst on the foam - ing deep, And
dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
dan - ger's hour; From rock and temp - est, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: Pro - tect us by Thy
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O keep us by Thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand, From ev - ery per - il on the land.
watch - ful care, From ev - ery per - il in the air.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Sharing God's Word and Living His Love.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

HEALTH ISSUES:

Mary Jane Heisey
 Elisabeth Junker
 Nancy Studley
 Kathy Savoy
 Lanny Scroggs
 Maureen McElwain

Shirley Van Gilder
 Rebecca Lavery
 Tom Hansen
 Connie Beal
 Kathy Savoy
 Barbara Denning
 Crystanna Mosley

Werner & Ursula Fick
 Arlene Behr
 Jo Abma
 Lucille Nicklow
 Brian Lawrence
 Judy Fowler
 Peggy Lorton

Betty Jo Pitcher
 Mark Wilson
 Connie Reid
 Lillian Lundy
 Margaret Lee
 Richard Lavery
 Betty Winkle

FAMILY & FRIENDS

CANCER:

David Coleman, brother of Paul Coleman
Zoe Neuner, sister-in-law of John & Joan Neuner
James Atkins
Deshawna Zazueta, friend of Dale & Ashley Cranford
Roger Hamann, friend of Doug Aitken
Judy Tenenbaum, friend of Donna & George Rossetti
Dave Zimmerman, cousin of Lizy Coleman
Paul, brother of Chris Urban
Warren, son of Caroline Schust
Sue Dendinger
“Sonny” Edward Leigh, Sr., father of Ed Leigh
Lois DiFruscio, friend of the Janowski Family
Joanne Morse, friend of Ellie Shep
Pam Denning, friend of Candice Patterson
Tim Ziezula, relative of Doug Aitken
Mark, brother of Todd Samsa
Bettina, daughter of Christa Schroeder
Bill Berry, friend of Doug Aitken

HEALTH ISSUES:

Sherry Whalen, friend of Judy Fowler
Elvira Gonzalez, sister of Aurea Otero
Judy Kennedy, mother of BJ Johns
Little Ester, needing heart surgery
Josiah Miller, Open Arms parent
Spenser Goldman, grandson of Penny Schneider
Sandy & Bill, friends of Edie Voorhees
Payton Hudson, friend of Sarah Beyer
Vinny Randazzo, friend of Katie Copenhaver -Oelrich, as he prepares for surgery
Donnie Whitman, brother-in-law of Robert Bennett
Wayne Ausley, step-father of Brandy Bjorklund
Allan Williams, coworker of Dawn Hansen
Joseph & Mary Littleton
Elihu Biggers, father of Shaunna Voorhees
Charlotte Bucklen and Stephen Kelley, friends of the Coleman Family

Craig Drenkow and Family, friends of Rebekah Bajwa
Brian Blatchley, brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
Steve Estes, husband of Gail Estes
Donna, daughter of Caroline Schust
Patty, daughter of Gayle Keen, friend of Ellie Shep
Barbara Ekerdt-Creecy, niece of Donna Steele
Thomas Craig, brother of Caroline Schust
Martha Gale, mother of Jamie Brannon
James Norris, father of Meredith Marsh
Danny McCarthy, friend of Michele Capozzi
Stevie Tibbett, friend of Eunice Burch
Bertha Crabtree, mother of Nancy Burgart
James Fowler, friend of Robin Oelrich
Ryan Hudson, student of Robin Oelrich
Monica Clonts, sister of Blake Ball
Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace, goddaughter of the Colemans
Charlie & Joyce Pike, friend of Doug Aitken
Janie Bruton, sister of Betty Lotter
Tom & Sue Rabon, stepfather & mother of Beth Miller
Tod & Karen, parents of Sean Pritchard
Natalie, niece of Jerry & Karen Benditz
Joyce Moore
Seraphina, friend of the Pritchard family
Gretchen Schneider & Heidi Goldman, daughters of Penny Schneider
Evelyn Goldapple, mother of Jennifer McNally
Matthew Marek, cousin of Robert McNally
Amy, step-mother of Marvin Fordham
Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody, friends of Elisabeth Junker
Patricia, mother of Kurt Miller

OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

Madelyn Tibbetts, niece of Gene & Jeannie Gevers
Lexi, friend of Olivia Bishop
Ryan Underwood, nephew of Beth Otto

SYMPATHIES TO:

Becky and Jill Pobanz and family, mourning the death of their mother, Mary.

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus-- ¹⁷ he was one of our number and shared in this ministry." ¹⁸ (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ For, said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms, " 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, " 'May another take his place of leadership.' ²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." ²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the

ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ⁶ I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.