

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

May 7, 2017

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

People: **And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."**  
Isaiah 6:1-3

Leader: Each of the four living creatures had six wings ... Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

People: **The twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever.**

Leader: They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

All: **"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."**  
Revelation 4:8, 10-11

\*Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* #1

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess in your presence the sinfulness of our nature, and our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy, O Lord, upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you; and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
First Timothy 1:15

People: **He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.**  
First Peter 2:24

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* #581  
**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Open Thou Mine Eyes* John Rutter

\*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

**Our Father in Heaven, as we open your word, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Psalter: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

People: **Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:  
"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"**

Leader: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

People: **I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

Leader: The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

People: **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

People: **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 14:10-22**

Solo: *Agnus dei* Georges Bizet  
Johnny Brown, tenor

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

**HYMN SING**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

**He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words of heav'nly comfort faught!  
What e'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;  
His faithful follow'r I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur or repine,  
Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain

*\* Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss:  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall he lead,  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquish'd and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you; ye dare not trust your own,  
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r;  
Where duty calls, or danger, be never waiting there.**

Scripture: **Colossians 1:3-14**

Sermon: **When Is God at His Best?**

Prayers of the People

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.**

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #475

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* #240

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, May 7

12:00 noon Children's Choir  
12:00 noon Graduates Reception  
1:30 pm Belize Packing  
3:30-5:30 Adopt-a-Building at Oak Hill  
5:30 pm Confirmation Class

#### Monday, May 8

1:00 pm Circle Meeting  
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

#### Tuesday, May 9

5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday, May 10

1:00 pm Dragonflies  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

#### Sunday, May 14

*Happy Mother's Day!*

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service - Youth Sunday  
12:00 noon Communion and Confirmation Reception  
12:00 noon Children's Choir

### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Terri Moehring Barbara Bahs  
Kirk O'Keefe Clarence Bahs

Shepherd: Judy Taylor

Liturgist: Clarence Bahs

Reader: Leland Thompson

### MISSION OFFERING

We will be receiving a special offering throughout the month of May to support Christian missions. The first \$2,200 we collect will be used to support Erin Taylor's trip to work this summer in the NOROC program. Erin will help lead Bible school for the orphaned children in Tulcea, Romania. If the offering exceeds \$2,200, our Mission Committee will use the extra funds to support other mission projects that we have traditionally supported.

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In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:3-14