

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day May 14, 2017

YOUTH SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Steve Newton

Prelude: *Abide With Me*
Noble Peck, trumpet

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship: Jatron Ellis

Leader: God, you are my God. I search for you. I thirst for you like someone in a dry, empty land where there is no water.

People: I have seen you in the Temple and have seen your strength and glory.

Leader: Because your love is better than life, I will praise you.

People: I will praise you as long as I live. I will lift up my hands in prayer to your name.

Leader: I will be content as if I had eaten the best foods.

People: My lips will sing, and my mouth will praise you. Psalm 63:1-5

*Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* #14

*Prayer of Adoration Madeline Hachtel

Call to Confession Noble Peck

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, you have spoken to us, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." We are not always that willing to love one another, especially when others have wronged us for whatever reason. We hold grudges rather than comfort the aggressors. We talk about them rather than to them. As Judas betrayed Jesus we continue to deceive the risen Christ. As we partake of the Lord's Supper, the table is not yet spread with good will. Forgive our reluctance to humble ourselves, and wash us anew with the waters of new life.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Dvořák

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

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

Assurance of Pardon: Adam Vega

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

People: That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: But to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

Leader: This is the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: 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 Natalie Schulz

Offertory
*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
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: Devin Morales

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 36:5-12 Megan Petti
(Tune: *O Waly Waly*; #202 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*)

Leader: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People: Thy gifts, O Lord, surpass the heav'ns,
Thy faithfulness, the clouds above;
How matchless is Thy righteousness;
How dear is Thy redeeming love.

Leader: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

People: Beneath the shadow of Thy wings,
Thy people banquet at Thy board;
They drink the cup of pure delights
And taste the pleasure of the Lord.

Leader: Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart. May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. See how the evildoers lie fallen—thrown down, not able to rise!

People: God is the wellspring of my life,
And in God's light, I light shall see;
The pure of heart true favor find,
And in God's law their liberty.

Scripture Reading: First Corinthians 13:1-8 Julia Bray

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:5-11 Adrianna Morales

Anthem: *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Jill Gallina
WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR

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.)

Scripture: Luke 15:11-23

Sermon: *What Is God?*
Julia Bray, Natalie Schulz, Jatron Ellis, Madeline Hachtel,
Noble Peck, Megan Petti and Adam Vega

*Hymn: *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* #488

Confirmation of Baptism

Julia Eleanor Bray
Jatron Anthony Ellis
Madeline Kay Hachtel
Megan Carolyn Petti
Natalie Anneliese Schulz
Adam Xavier Vega

The Sacrament of Baptism
Jackson Noble Peck

*Affirmation of Faith: 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Anthem: *No Night There!* Craig Curry

INVITATION

Hymn: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* #240
(verses 1 and 4 only)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

RESPONSE: *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

RESPONSE: *Rising You Destroyed our Death*
Rising you destroyed our death: Rising, You restore our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD TOGETHER AND SHARING THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER:
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.

*Hymn: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* #69

*Benediction

*Closing Voluntary

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Dee Allums
Gary Atkins James Allums

Shepherd: Nancy Niehaus

Preparing Communion: Lisa Thompson

Serving Communion: Sue Atkins
Stephanie Petti
Lisa Thompson
Dee Allums

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by John and Robin Moore in loving memory of her daughter Maryann.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 14
Happy Mother's Day!
12:00 noon Communion and Confirmation Reception

Wednesday, May 17
1:00 pm Dragonflies

Sunday, May 21
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice
5:30 pm Youth
6:00 pm Session Meeting

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. Luke 15:11-23