

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

May 21, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

People: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; one generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145

*Hymn: O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! #41

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of compassion, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have passed by our neighbors, and ignored opportunities to show them mercy. We have mocked their misery by making excuses to avoid their plight. We who have been taught the law of love practice instead the law of self-interest. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ who came to rescue us from the power of darkness and transfer us into your Kingdom.

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! Who in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose in power for us, Christ reigns for us, Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

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

Offertory: This Joyful Eastertide arr. Shaw-Parker
Johnny Brown, conductor

*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:

Eternal Father, source of all wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your Word, through the power of your Spirit, in Christ's name. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 33:1-11, 20-22

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

People: Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

People: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

Leader: He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

People: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

Leader: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

People: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

Leader: The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

People: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

Leader: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

People: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:13-16

Solo: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Richard Walters
Mary Crocker, soprano

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: Come, Great God of All the Ages #309

Scripture: Matthew 9:14-17

Sermon: Duct Tape Religion

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: 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: God of Grace and God of Glory #307

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 21

12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice
6:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, May 22

June newsletter deadline

Wednesday, May 24

1:00 pm Dragonflies

Thursday, May 25

9:30 am Circle Meeting

Sunday, May 28

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Atkins Bill Pedersen
Sue Atkins Diana Walker

Shepherd: Vickie Wallace

Liturgist: Kristi Hachtel

Reader: Sue Atkins

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by the Hachtel family in loving memory of Sheena Hachtel.

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THE SESSION

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Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. ¹⁷ Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Matthew 9:14-17