

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

May 26, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eternal Father, we rejoice in all who have faithfully lived and triumphantly died. We give thanks for all blessed memories and all enduring hopes; for the ties that bind us to the unseen world; for all the heroic dead who encompass us like a cloud of witnesses. We pray that we who have entered into the heritage of their heroism and self-sacrifice may so honor their memory and so preserve and further their high purpose that the nation which they defended may stand in all coming years for righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

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

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

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. Psalm 33:10-12

People: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn: God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand #331

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God our Father, you led men and women to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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:

Leader: The Lord says, "Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong,

People: "Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.

Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.

People: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Isaiah 1:16-18

Leader: Friends, hear and believe 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

\*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. #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God, let us understand the teachings of Jesus that we may meditate upon them. Help us to understand your word that we can find comfort in sorrow and the strength to do your work. May your word guide us in right living, and through it know for sure the wonder of your grace, for we pray in Jesus' name, the Word made flesh. Amen. Based on Psalm 119:27-29

Psalter: Psalm 18 selected verses

Leader: I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

Leader: The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.

People: In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.

Leader: The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils.

People: He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

Leader: They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

People: The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me, who saves me from my enemies.

Leader: You exalted me above my foes; from a violent man you rescued me. Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.

People: He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing love to his anointed, to David and to his descendants forever.

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-26

Anthem: The Church's One Foundation arr. Jerry Ulrich Johnny Brown, conductor

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: Eternal Father, Strong to Save #8

Scripture Reading: Second Samuel 1:17-27

Sermon: Memorial Day

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: This Is My Song #340

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: Go Into the World Dale Wood

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



May 26, 2019  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

<sup>17</sup> David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan,  
<sup>18</sup> and he ordered that the people of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jasher):

<sup>19</sup> "A gazelle lies slain on your heights, Israel. How the mighty have fallen!"

<sup>20</sup> "Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.

<sup>21</sup> "Mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew nor rain, may no showers fall on your terraced fields. For there the shield of the mighty was despised, the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.

<sup>22</sup> "From the blood of the slain, from the flesh of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.

<sup>23</sup> Saul and Jonathan—in life they were loved and admired, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

<sup>24</sup> "Daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and finery, who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.

<sup>25</sup> "How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your heights.

<sup>26</sup> I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women.

<sup>27</sup> "How the mighty have fallen! The weapons of war have perished!"

~ Second Samuel 1:17-27

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### THE SESSION

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Ray Taylor	Terry Kline	Kevin Helmer
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### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Rick Bock Margaret Sultenfuss  
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Shepherd: Whitney Frazier

Liturgist: Lisa Thompson

Reader: Leland Thompson

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, May 27

Memorial Day – office closed

#### Tuesday, May 28

10:00 am Tea Party  
 1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild

#### Wednesday, May 29

7:30 pm Choir Practice

#### Sunday, June 2

11:00 am Worship Service  
 12:00 noon Communion Reception

### TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by John and Robin Moore in celebration of 33 years of marriage.