

*Thank you for joining us as we  
Worship our Lord  
May 9, 2021  
9:45am Service*



This is My commandment, that you love one another as  
I have loved you. ***John 15:12***

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## **STEWARDSHIP NOTE...**

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ~*Galatians 6:6*

*Sunday, May 9, 2021*  
*Traditional Noncommunion Service*  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Pre-Service Music**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG**

*"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and king,  
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease—  
Sings music in the sinner's ears,  
Brings life, and health, and peace.

To God all glory, praise and love  
Be now, and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and heav'n

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**People: whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

## CONFESION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

## ABSOLUTION

### KYRIE

*(Spoken)*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

- Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- All:** **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
***"Change my Heart"***

Change my heart oh God  
    Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
    May I be like you

You are the potter  
    I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
    This is what I pray

**SALUTATION**

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People:** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- Pastor: Let us pray.
- Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins, You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People:** **Amen.**

**THE WORD**

Reader: *Peter opened his mouth and said:*

Pastor: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

Reader: *While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared,*

Pastor: “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

**Reader:** *And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days. This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

***Psalm 98***

**People:** **Oh sing to the lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

**Women:** *The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**Men:** *He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**People:** **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**Women:** *Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

**Men:** *With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!*

**People:** **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!**

**Women:** *Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.*

**Men:** *He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

**People:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE**

***1 John 5:1-8***

*(English Standard Version)*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.<sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.<sup>4</sup> For everyone who has

been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.<sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.<sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify:<sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise out of respect for the Gospel)

**VERSE**

***Romans 6:9; John 16:33b***

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

People: **Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

***John 15:9–17***

(English Standard Version)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants,<sup>[a]</sup> for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you

should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CATECHISM**

***The Third Article***

Pastor: We learn from our First Reading today that the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to Gentiles as well as to Jews, which includes all the peoples of the world. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

People: **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.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**FEEDING OF THE LAMB**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**"Stand up, stand up for Jesus"**

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
as soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner,  
it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory  
His army shall He lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished,  
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!  
The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.

Ye that are men, now serve Him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger.  
And strength to strength oppose.

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,  
And, watching unto prayer,  
Where duty calls, or danger,  
Be never wanting there.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!  
The strife will not be long:  
This day the noise of battle,  
The next the victor's song;  
To him that overcometh  
A crown of life shall be;  
He, with the King of glory,  
Shall reign eternally.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**(Responsive)**

***When there is no communion, Pastor will give prayers as guided by the Holy Spirit.***

Pastor: Lord in Your Mercy

People: Hear Our Prayer

**LORD'S PRAYER**

***Matthew 6:9–13***

***Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:***

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.

**FIRST FRUITS OFFERING**

*A tithing plate is located at the Sanctuary Entrance. Thank you.*

**DOXOLOGY**

***Hymn #461***

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

### **BENEDICTION**

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

People: Amen.

### **RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS**

Pastor: Since 1870, the second Sunday in May has been designated as a time to honor mothers in the United States. In more recent times, expressions of appreciation and honor have been extended to grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and all women whose contributions to the well-being of children have enriched society. Through the ages, many women have been remembered and honored by the Church. The hymn “For All the Faithful Women” celebrates Christian women throughout the centuries, thanking God for them.

**CLOSING HYMN**  
***"For all the Faithful Women"***

For all the faithful women  
who served in days of old  
To you shall thanks be given,  
to all their story told

They served with strength and gladness  
in tasks Your wisdom gave  
to You their lives bore witness,  
proclaimed Your power to save

Oh God, for saints and servants  
those named and those unknown  
in whom through all the ages  
Your light of glory shown  
We offer glad thanksgiving,  
and fervent prayer we raise  
that faithful in Your service,  
our lives may sing Your praise

All praise to God the Father!  
All praise to Christ the Son!  
All praise the Holy Spirit,  
who binds the church as one.  
With saints who went before us,  
with saints who witness still,  
we sing glad Alleluias  
and strive to do Your will