



Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

Bell Choir video

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Cong Care Meeting in person Wednesday
2. Pentecost Singing Service May 23 at 3pm

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have heard that we are not enough:
not good enough, not strong enough, not healthy enough.

If we hear human testimony,

the testimony of God is greater

We have heard that we don't make enough, don't own enough, don't have enough
friends

But we are friends with Jesus,

and the testimony of God is greater

We gather to worship, for God's Word is enough

—hope enough, love enough, life enough

God gave us eternal life in God's only Son

And so we worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah” #65 Br. Andee Book

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream
doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength
and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

May the Lord forgive us when we point out the flaws in others, and do not
admit our own mistakes. When we see the failure of others, like Judas who betrayed
Christ, let us also admit that we too have the same ability to fall short, to sin and shame
ourselves, and let us repent. Let us pray together, saying

“Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**”

CONFESSION

Forgive us Lord, when we betray you in word or deed, in things done and things left undone. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Forgive us Lord, when we live as if we belonged only to ourselves, and we fail to see our connection in community. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Forgive us Lord, when we foolishly think that we can control you, when we fail to discern your will and so attempt to take power. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Speak your words of peace to us today, and make your will known to us; make our lives a testimony to your grace, for you are the only source of life and the answer to all our prayers. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Be Thou My Vision,” vs. 2 & 4 Br. Andee Book

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord; Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! As far as the East is from the West, that is how far Christ removes our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell

READING

Acts 1:15-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

¹⁸(With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms:

“‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and,
“‘May another take his place of leadership.’

²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²²beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

SERMON

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OFFERTORY

“Apostle’s Creed”

Spoken by Virtual Choir

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. (*or universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Holy One, open us up to the possibility that we are being chosen to be new disciples with new ministries. Let us then pray for the world, and ask that we may be given the grace to be the disciples Christ calls us to be, moving faithfully out, into mission. Let us respond in prayer: Lord, you know everyone’s heart. **Show us that which you have chosen .**

Holy God, this world is peopled by those who delight in your teachings, and those who scoff at your ways, and those who do not yet know. Guide us, that we may be an influence for good in the world, to discern your will, and play our part to realize your goals. Lord, you know everyone’s heart. **Show us that which you have chosen.**

We pray for those who are sick or suffering, that they may know your protection and care through our faithful service and your tangible presence. Lord, you know everyone's heart. **Show us that which you have chosen.**

We pray for your church, that by the marriage of your grace and our faith we may serve you and our neighbors. Lord, you know everyone's heart. **Show us that which you have chosen.**

We pray for the earth itself, your marvelous creation. Inspire and help us to be the good stewards that you require, now and in the future. Lord, you know everyone's heart. **Show us that which you have chosen.**

Make holy all for whom we pray—the poor, the infirm, the church, the world—for holiness comes from you. All this we pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray, saying

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

2021 Pentecost Offering Video

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

We serve the Lord with freedom and we worship God with joy. In freedom and joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. You may choose to give by mailing your offerings to the church, or giving online. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make help to others possible. If you know of someone in need—physical, financial, emotional or spiritual...especially if it is yourself, please speak with our pastor or the elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry.

Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Video

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING "Precious Lord, Take my Hand" #834

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

PASSING THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

POSTLUDE