

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
*** Congregation will stand**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Mozart Sonata in C: 2nd Movement
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. You may place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting. **USE OF HYMNALS** –Members and guests may use the hymnals in the pews to follow along in worship. The hymn numbers are printed in the bulletin. (Hymns that do not appear in the hymnal are included on an insert in the bulletin.)

MAY MISSION MOMENT: Dog Food & Toys for U.S. Kennels

INTROIT: “Hail Thee, Festival Day!” (See Insert)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 93)

Leader: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

All: the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

Leader: He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

All: your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice;

All: the floods lift up their roaring.

Leader: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea,

All: majestic on high is the Lord!

Leader: Your decrees are very sure;

All: holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” (See Insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us come before God with contrite hearts, acknowledging our sin and trusting in forgiveness.

All: Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace. We have not forgiven others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you.

All: We give God thanks and praise! In Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

YOUTH MESSAGE: “Up, Up and Away...”

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SONG OF PRAISE: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (PH #142 vs. 1)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Response to the reading of God’s Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sung Response: “Thy Word” (See Insert)

SERMON: “Jumping for Joy”

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*HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (PH #151)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Brief Statement of Faith (selected verses)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION (Responsive)

Leader: Fill us with your Spirit’s power,

All: that we may be One with Christ and one another.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” (PH#144)

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: Mozart Rondo in D

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7th Sunday of Easter

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