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May 12, 2024

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE**

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**Boldface = All speak**

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE**....."Sarabande in F Major" & "Bourrée in A Minor" *by J. S. Bach*

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT** ..... "Open My Eyes, That I May See"  
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❖**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 1)*

*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked;*

**We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God, day and night.**

*Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water;*

**God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.**

*Come, let us worship God!*

❖**HYMN** ..... "Come, Thou Almighty King" ..... **#2**  
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❖**CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

**Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. (a time for silent confession) Holy God, remind us that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.**

❖**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖**AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

*The peace of Christ be with you!*

**And also with you!**

***The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.***

**HEARING THE WORD**

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy God, open us to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING** .....Acts 1:15-17; 21-26, pg. 1549  
*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**..... "I Will Exalt You"  
*(Words from Psalm 145, music by Mark Patterson.)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING** .....John 17:6-19, pg. 1540  
*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**MESSAGE** .....The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

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**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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❖ **HYMN** ..... "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ..... #465  
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❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

## OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**DOXOLOGY** ..... Genevan Psalter (*Public Domain*)..... **#606**

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## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** ..... Karen Maurer, Pentecost Offering

❖**HYMN** ..... "May God Support You All Your Days" ..... **#548**  
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## ❖SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE**..... "Minuet in B-Flat Major" *by J.S. Bach*

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**Pastor:** The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

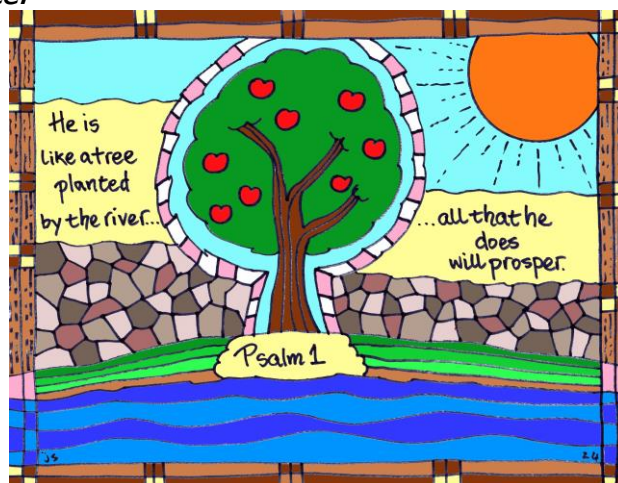
**Lector:** Chip Snowden

**Greeter/Usher:** Sue Cory

**Worship Pianist:** Amy Dickman

**Offering Counters:** Duncan Cory & Darly Doyle

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