



May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE .. "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" *Cesáreo Gabaraín, Arr. by John Carter*
"Holy, Holy, Holy" *Spanish Melody, Arr. by John Carter*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
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❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God.

Sing praises to God's name.

Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Come, let us worship God!

❖HYMN "God is Calling Through the Whisper" **#410**
(CCLI Song #7084847. Mary Louise Bringle | Wilbur Lee © Words: 2006 GIA Publications, Inc. Music: 1958 Broadman Press.)

❖CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have

others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. (a time for silent confession) Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth. 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.

❖GLORIA PATRI..... Henry W. Greatorex (Public Domain)**#581**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit, open our eyes; open our hearts.

May we hear your Word read and proclaimed so that our lives and our witness will be strengthened. Amen.

SCRIPTURE..... John 17:1-11, pg. 1539

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM..... "In Christ Called to Baptize"

(Words: Ruth Duck © 1995 The Pilgrim Press. Music: Welsh Folk Melody)

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖**HYMN**.....“Together We Serve”#767
(CCLI Song #3379644. Daniel Charles Damon © 1998 Hope Publishing Company.)

❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Adapted 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR RESOURCES & OUR ENERGY

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

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND SERVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION PENTECOST OFFERING Karen Maurer

❖**HYMN**.....“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”#546
(CCLI Song #4529091. John Fawcett. Words & Music: Public Domain.)

❖**CHARGE & BENECTION**

POSTLUDE.....“When We Are Living” *Spanish Melody, Arr. by John Carter*

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

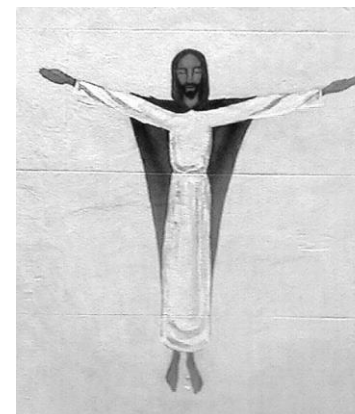
Lector: Karen Maurer

Greeter/Usher: Bev Mason

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

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Mural of Christ ascending to heaven on a graffiti wall in Bristol, England