



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024 10:30 a.m.



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Aria" Paul Manz

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

One: While our world is a storm of trouble and grief,

All: in worship we find a time of calm and renewal.

One: We seek the courage of God's word planted deep in our hearts;

All: Let us slow to hear God's truth for us.

One: We seek the comfort of God's grace, refreshing our soul;

All: Let us reflect to remember God's promise to us.

One: We seek the compassion of God's love, nourishing our lives;

All: Let us share with those around us, God's blessings for us.

*GATHERING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #1 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-3
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unshaking, and silent as light, not waiting, not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Your life is life-giving—to both great and small; in all life you’re living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
Then wither and perish—but naught dims your powers.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

Merciful God, creator of all that is, seen and unseen, our delight is in your word
and we have a deep sense of your presence when we allow it to fill our lives night and day.

For the times when we listen to the advice of those who rebel against you, forgive us.

For those times when we can be found with those who scorn, forgive us.

For those times when we do not bear the fruits of your abundance, forgive us.

May we experience your blessings like a tree that is planted beside a never-failing stream.

(silent confession)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God.

Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God’s forgiveness.

Happy are we, God’s own, because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” v.4

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;

All praise we now render as your angels do: in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1 Pew Bible p.424
A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “O Word of God Incarnate” #315 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of clouded sky:
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**O God, we hold this treasure from you, its source divine,
A light that to all ages throughout the earth will shine;
It is the chart and compass that all life’s voyage through,
‘mid mists and rocks and tempest, still guides, O God, to you.**

**O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To bear before all people your true light as of old!
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, doubt and striving ended, they meet you face to face.**

RESPONDING

We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY Chorale Prelude on the tune "Bevan" Healey Willan
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE (tune: “Lasst Uns Erfreuen” *The Hymnal* #15)

**Praise God, the Giver and the Gift,
Hearts, minds and voices now uplift, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the breath of glad surprise, Freeing, uplifting, opening eyes.
Three-In-Oneness, Love Communing, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***COMMISSIONING HYMN:** “In the Bulb There is a Flower” #433 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There’s a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in G" Henry Heron

SENDING

With God’s blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from www.re-worship.blogspot.com
- (2) Adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1; Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.

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