

**7th Sunday of Easter  
May 29, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Prelude

\*Introit

#2088, "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

**Preparing for God's Word**

\*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 47: 1-2, 5-6]

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

**People: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

**People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

\*Hymn of Praise

#12, "Immortal Invisible God Only Wise," vs. 1, 3, 4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render, O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

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## Prayer of Confession

*[time for individual prayers of silent confession]*

**All: Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to this lonely and hurting world. Yet we acknowledge that too often we are more apathetic than active, isolated and uninvolved, and callous instead of compassionate. Too often we are obstinate and legalistic instead of obedient and loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove every obstacle that prevents us from being your hands and feet in this broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

[based on John 3:16-17]

Leader: Hear the Good News! God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

**People: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Praise God!**

## Hearing God's Word

### Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."  
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

### Hymn of Preparation

#2036, "Give Thanks," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

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## Prayer of Illumination

### New Testament Reading: Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

## Sermon

"Rehearsing for Heaven... No Church Everywhere!"

## **Responding to God's Word**

### \*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostles Creed]

**All: 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.**

## Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

\*Response

#606, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

*[various prayers]*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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. 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.**

## \*Hymn of Response

#321, "The Church's One Foundation," vs. 1, 2, 5

The church's one Foundation

Is Jesus Christ her Lord;

She is His new creation,

By water and the Word;

From heav'n He came and sought her

To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endured

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

#384, "Soon and Very Soon," vs. 1, 2

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King

No more crying there, we are going to see the King,  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King.  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King.

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### \*Postlude

### \*Please Stand if Able