

Order of Worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 22, 2022 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Death Was Arrested”

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin, Lost without hope with no place to begin;
Your love made a way to let mercy come in, When death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains;
My orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Chorus:

**Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me.
You have made me new, now life begins with You.
It’s Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.**

Released from my chains, I’m a pris’ner no more.
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,
When death was arrested and my life began. *Chorus*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal’s cross.
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.
That’s when death was arrested and my life began. *Chorus*

Oh, we’re free, free; forever we’re free.
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we’re free, free; forever amen!
When death was arrested and my life began. *Repeat*

When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. ²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 16:23-33

²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG

"Holy Spirit Come"

We need You, we love You, we long for You.
Come fill us with Your power, our hearts renew.
Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done.

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move. We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord.
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move.
We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord. Holy Spirit come.

We need You, we love You, we long for You.
Come fill us with Your power, our hearts renew.
Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done.

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move. We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord.
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move.
We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord. Holy Spirit come.

Come and fill this place with Your glory, Jesus.
Come and fill this place with Your power, Jesus.
Come and fill this place with Your presence, Jesus.
Come and fill this place, pour it out, Lord Jesus.

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move. We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord.
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit move.
We cry out to You, we cry out, Lord. Holy Spirit come.

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THE SERMON

REV. DOMINIC RIVKIN

"Plain Talk: The Power of Prayer"

John 16:23-33

APOSTLES CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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“Holy Spirit Come”

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

arr. Michael Giron

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“All To Us”

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, You are faithful to the end.
We are waiting on You, Jesus. We believe You’re all to us.

Chorus:

**Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.
We believe You’re all to us.**

Only Son of God, sent from heaven, hope and mercy at the cross.
You are ev’rything, You’re the promise. Jesus, You are all to us. *Chorus Twice*

When this passing world is over, we will see You face to face,
And forever we will worship. Jesus, You are all to us. Jesus, You are all to us.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

Chorus:

**You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
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We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

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You lift us up on wings like eagles. *Repeat***

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Flowers

The flowers which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Wendy Pine** in loving memory of her parents, **Bonnie** and **Arnold Hembd.**

We Pray For This Week

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