



**“Holy Father, protect them by
the power of your name,
the name you gave me,
so that they may be
one as we are one.”**

JOHN 17:11

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY
May 29, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *O God, we praise you for the gift of your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and for His presence with us. Because He lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love. In His name, we pray. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

PRELUDE

Toccata on “O Worship the King”
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Penfield

INTROIT

Let All the Peoples Praise You
Chancel Choir

Holst

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: We wait for you, O God, in the assurance that you hear and answer us even when our sighs are too deep for words.

ALL: *We come into your presence, O God, knowing that we can unburden our hearts before you.*

One: We praise you, O God, as we recognize your redeeming and transforming power.

ALL: *We hear your joy in the voices of little children; we know your compassion in the gentle embrace of old friends.*

One: Holy God, it is by your abundant love and steadfast mercy that we are empowered to live as your children.

ALL: *Lead us in your righteousness and transform us by your love, that we may walk in your way all the days of our lives.*

***HYMN: 337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

AMERICA

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

- One: Merciful God, we look around us at the world, at our nation, at our local communities and our families, and we acknowledge the presence of conflict, pain and suffering.
- ALL:** *These all affect our lives at one time or another. We know that we can lessen the pain when we reach out to those who are hurting.*
- One: We know that we can lessen the pain when we look for ways to bring restoration and healing where there is brokenness.
- ALL:** *We confess that there are times when we fail to recognize the suffering and needs of others and forget, or refuse, to share your love revealed so clearly in Jesus.*
- One: Forgive us when we happily accept the blessings of life, while neglecting to serve as Jesus served – with unconditional love, humility and compassion.
- ALL:** *Forgive us when we are weak and when we fail in our attempts to imitate Christ. Empower us with your Spirit to be strong, gentle, bearers of your love and compassion through our words, our actions and our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

- One: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death!" (Romans 8:1-2)
- ALL:** *Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (Hymn: 447 We Are Forgiven)**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

- All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
The choir will sing through once, followed by the congregation.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

- One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
Many: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

***HYMN: 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See**

OPEN MY EYES

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. John White

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

ACT OF PRAISE

Pie Jesu
Chancel Choir

Gilpin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

FIRST READING**Psalm 47 (pg. 518)**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING**John 17:20-26 (pg.111-112)**

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON**Did You Know?**

Rev. John White

RESPONSE***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional), p. 35 (in unison)*

Rev. John White

*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.*

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew,
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY**Devotion**

Penfield

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

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***HYMN: 372 O for a World**

AZMON

SENDING***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude
as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

POSTLUDE**Trumpet Tune II**

McCabe

Dr. Terry McRoberts