

*Youth* **SUNDAY**  
**SERVICE**

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## YOUTH SUNDAY | May 12, 2024

### GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Heavenly Father, Thank you that there is nothing on earth or heaven, visible or invisible, that can separate us from Your love. For those that are in Christ Jesus, I pray that I may be zealous to Live as you have instructed and to earnestly seek after that which is good, to your praise and glory. This I ask in Jesus' name, Amen.*

### RINGING OF THE CHIMES

#### OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 118:24)*

*Je'Delle Ross*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**ALL:** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

#### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Je'Delle Ross*

#### PRELUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Kerr

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 136:1-3)*

*Ayden Johnson*

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**ALL:** *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

One: O give thanks to the God of gods,

**ALL:** *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

One: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**ALL:** *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 157 *I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

### PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#### CALL TO CONFESSION *(Hebrews 10:22)*

*Sidney Richardson*

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Darcy Puffer*

*Lord, we ask you for wisdom, and yet we don't look to your Scriptures for daily guidance. We come to church, listen to a sermon, accept only what we feel comfortable with hearing, and walk away unchanged. We blame it on attention spans or preferences for preaching styles, but the issue is what's going on in our hearts. We often "tolerate" your Word in our*

*lives, but we rarely treasure it. That's because we know it speaks to our sin. And instead of allowing the light of your truth to penetrate and expose the darkness within us, we slam the door shut. We try to put extra locks on the door, thinking we can hide from you and hide from others. Forgive us for our foolishness, O Lord. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Graylynn Richardson*

One: As we confess our shortcomings and God offers us the assurance that in Jesus Christ—who lived, died, and was raised to show us the power of God's love that conquers the power of sin - we are forgiven and loved regardless of what we have done in the past. We have the assurance that we are continually being made new into the image of the Christ. The slate is wiped clean and we can live in hope toward the future without being enslaved to our past failures. In Christ, we have the power to work with God's Spirit who is continually making all things in accord with divine purpose.

ALL: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, a-men.*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Ridley Alexander*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

## THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*Landslide*

Nicks

Dr. Terry McRoberts, pianist | Annika Jerge, soloist

### RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### RECOGNITION OF LISA SPURLIN

*Rev. Courtney Bowen, Libby Smith, Ceil Cowles + Molly Richardson*

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Ridley Alexander, Isaac Keel, Jaxon Reynolds*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Cleve Bowen*

### \*HYMN: 379 *We Shall Overcome*

WE SHALL OVERCOME

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Sam Thompson*

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (pg. 616)*

*Ayden Johnson, Sidney Richardson*

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

*Je'Delle Ross, Luke Thompson*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** *1 John 5:9-13* (pg. 214)

*Ridley Alexander, Lily Byrd  
Abby Varino*

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

**SENIOR SERMONS**

*Stella Crenshaw*

**ACT OF PRAISE**

*Turn! Turn! Turn!*  
Jeff Chambers

The Byrds

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Nicene Creed*)

*Lily Byrd*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

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

**OFFERING**

*Jo'Hannah Ross*

**OFFERTORY**

*Andantino*

Schroeder

\*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

*Will Bodiford*

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN: 839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

**\*CHARGE + BENECTION**

*2024 Youth Group*

**POSTLUDE**

*Festive Trumpet Tune*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

German