

**THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,
THE NEW CREATION HAS COME:
THE OLD HAS GONE,
THE NEW IS HERE!**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2024

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Great God: you send us into the world to do your work. May we not only promise to serve you, but do what you command, loving neighbors, and telling the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 118:24 & 107:2, 31*)

Rev. John White

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

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

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice;

ALL: *for the steadfast love of God, give thanks!*

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

PRELUDE

Here I Am to Worship

Lyndell Leatherman

Stan Brunner

CHORAL INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Lemmel

Congregation + Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Carol Sue Keathley

One: Creator and Ruler of the Earth,

ALL: *we lift up our voices, our eyes, our hearts, and our lives to You in praise.*

One: Make us Your alleluia people.

ALL: *Uphold the weary, for whom praise may be very difficult.*

One: Humble the strong, for whom "alleluia" may be too easy.

ALL: *Continue to shape us into Your new creations, that we might welcome You to more fully become the ruler of our hearts and minds. Through Him who came as a servant, and who now reigns over all creation, Jesus, our Christ. Amen.*

*HYMN: 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

One: Creator God, hear us as we confess that we often fail to give our lives over to the transforming power of your Spirit.

ALL: *We know that we are called to go into the dark corners of creation with your Word, but our mouths often remain silent.*

One: We know that we are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, but we hesitate, wondering if they will love us in return.
ALL: *We know that we are made in your image, but so frequently we ignore your image in others who are different from us.*
One: Forgive our hesitation and uncertainties.
ALL: *Forgive our fears and failures.*
One: Forgive our self-centered brokenness.
ALL: *Remake us and renew us, we pray, that we might be transformed, and live as your new creations. Through Christ we pray, Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this – “that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.” (*Romans 5:8*)
ALL: *Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

ANTHEM

For the Bread
Chancel Choir

Copes

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. John White

MINUTE FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP

Elder Courtney Hiscox

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Carol Sue Keathley

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Samuel 16:6-7 (pg. 216)*

Elder Carol Sue Keathley

NEW TESTAMENT READING *2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (pg. 72)*

Rev. John White

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

SERMON

The Life-Changing Presence of Christ

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) p. 35 (in unison)* Elder Carol Sue Keathley

***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 aisle on each pew,
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

OFFERING

Elder Carol Sue Keathley

OFFERTORY

Living Bread

Richard Williamson

Stan Brunner

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

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

Elder Carol Sue Keathley

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***COMMUNION HYMN: 511** *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven (verses 1-2)*

LLANFAIR

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***COMMUNION HYMN: 511** *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven (verses 3-4)*

LLANFAIR

SENDING

*CHARGE + BENEDECTION

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDECTION

In Thy Service

Copes

Chancel Choir

*(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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

John A. Behnke

Stan Brunner