

# A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 20, 2012  
Easter VII

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Hughes/arr. Lamb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A new day has begun.

**People: Hope wins!**

Leader: A fresh start is granted.

**People: Faith wins!**

Leader: Today we have the opportunity to do something new.

**People: Hope wins!**

Leader: Christ is entering our lives in a new way.

**People: Faith wins!**

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

**People: Love wins! Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #92

CALL TO CONFESSION

Called to proclaim repentance, we are reluctant to look at our own failings. Invited to witness to God's loving forgiveness of sins, we would rather not speak aloud of our own. Let us trust in the One who offers us hope and healing, as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving and gracious God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in you and to bring to all people the good news of your saving love. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our own life. We look for the quick and easy answers. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. You, who raised Christ from the dead, have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. You have done this and yet, we often remain static in our response to you. Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. Help us to be open always to your word and your love. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope for all people. These things we pray in the name of our risen Lord. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

RESPONSE

*O Jesus, Savior*

**O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One,  
Come take our hearts to be your own,  
That we may give you all our days,  
The willing tribute of our praise.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Whoever has Christ has life. We are called into the way of Christ, and no matter where we turn or fall away, we can always hear the voice of Christ calling us back. The promise of new life is always available. We are forgiven. We are loved.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

*Please show signs of God's grace, forgiveness and love with those near you.*

\*RESPONSE

*Halle, Halle, Halle*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Lori Filka

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Lori Filka

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17.6-19

NT Page 111

ANTHEM

*How Beautiful the Church of God*

Martin/Williams

*Children 2nd grade and younger may go to Children's Worship following the anthem*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I John 5.9-13

NT Page 241

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*John Talk  
(Part VI)*

Rev. Bill Pinches

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*MEDITATION HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

#498

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Invitation

Offertory

\*RESPONSE

*Easter Doxology*

**May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit make us one.**

**In holiness let us unite**

**That we may know the Risen Christ. Amen.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Supplication

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.**

## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

#721

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*God Be With You*

Rankin/Tomer

\*POSTLUDE

\* Those who are able may stand

***Please enjoy refreshments in the Memorial Room following worship.***