

May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Le Cygne" Saint-Saëns

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Luke 24:34

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Why do you look up toward heaven? Acts 1:11

Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign; Eph. 1:20-21

his is the name above all names.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 Pet. 5:6-7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him,
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us,
and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world
and is head of the church, his body.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 1 Pet. 5:10

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BAPTISM AND PROFESSION OF FAITH (CONFIRMATION)

Hannah Koutz, Jasmine Leffew, Andrew Mackey,
and Violet Mackey will be baptized;
Jill Castle, Sam Pinches, and Lucy Simons will be confirmed

... There is one body and one Spirit, Eph. 4:4-6

just as you were called

to the one hope of your calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all,

who is above all and through all and in all.

...

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Hannah, Jasmine, Andrew, and Violet
by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ
and to be faithful members of his church? **We will.**

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+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Acts 2:44-46

OFFERTORY

"Polonaise in g"

Bach

GTG = Glory to God (purple)

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+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 1:6-14

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PSALM

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

O.T. page 408

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

N.T. page 185

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1-11

N.T. page 85

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:48

We are witnesses to these things—
the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"He Is My Savior, He Is My Friend"

Besig / Price

SERMON

"A Season of Listening"

Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

+**HYMN:** GTG #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

+**BLESSING**

+**CHARGE**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"May the Lord Go With You"

Williams / Page

POSTLUDE

"Intermezzo"

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**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Rev. Bill Pinches

Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink

Sound: Andrew Pinches

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Doreen Chapman

Today's flowers are given by

Camille and Marty Subject

in memory of loved ones

and by Gerald Richards

in memory of Carole Richards

TWC = The Worshiping Church (red)

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#36. To circumcise or not to circumcise?:

The church in Jerusalem hosts a summit to settle the question: do Gentile converts need to be circumcised?
(Acts 15:1-29) (c. AD 49)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 71. What is baptism?

Baptism is the sign and seal through which we are joined to Christ.

Question 72. What does it mean to be baptized?

My baptism means that I am joined to Jesus Christ forever. I am baptized into his death and resurrection, along with all who have received him by faith. As I am baptized with water, he baptizes me with his Spirit, washing away all my sins and freeing me from their control. My baptism is a sign that one day I will rise with him in glory, and may walk with him even now in newness of life.

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Class of 2023: Bruce Archer (clerk), Tim Hammond, Mary Ozee, Steve Sowles.
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EVENTS THIS WEEK

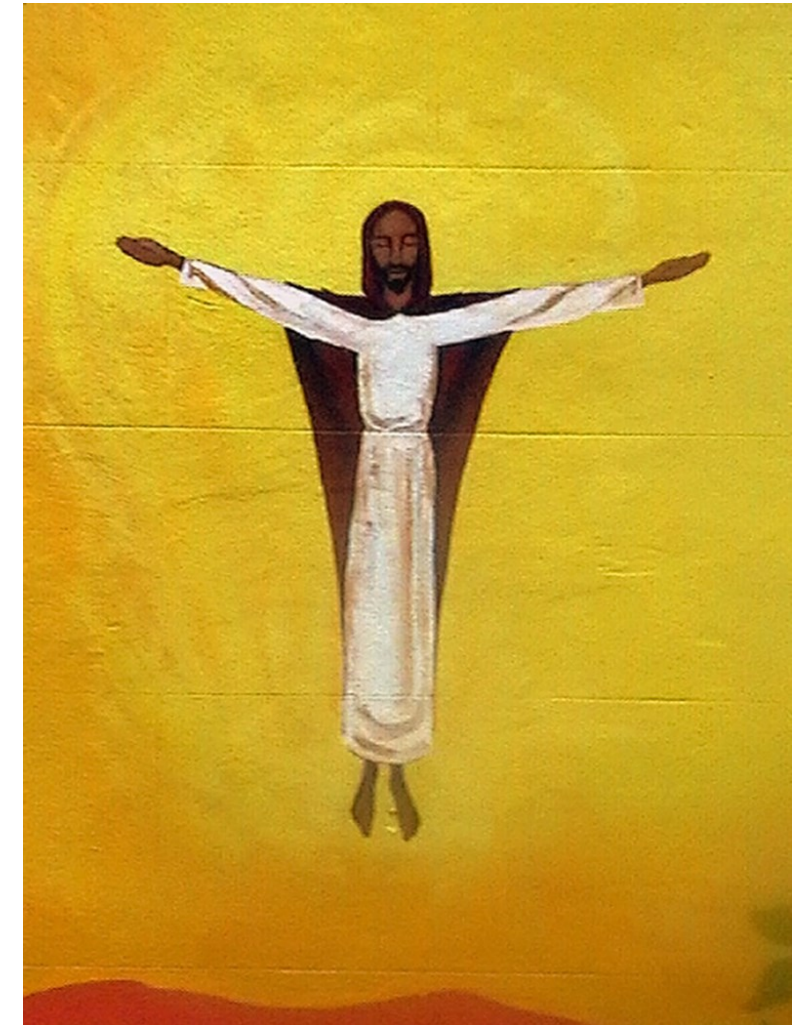
Today	<i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Leah Harkness	May 21
Jo Hammond	May 24
Mary Schrock	May 26
Sam Pinches	May 27

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mural on a graffiti wall in Bristol, England, 2003

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*