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**Worship**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 22, 2022**

**GATHERING**

**Greeting and Announcements**  
**Preparation for Worship**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

A Those who love Jesus keep his words;

**C Those who love Christ will make their home with God.**

A Those who know Jesus will know his peace;

**C Those who know Jesus will be taught in the ways of peace.**

A Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord, who has come to be among us.

**C Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home.**

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN – “Jesus is Risen”**

**1. Jesus is risen! Let us sing!**

**Praise to the ever living King!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise him in song, ye Seraphim!**

**Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2. On this most holy day of days,**

**Let us together sing his praise!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Raise joyful voices to the sky!**

**Sing out, ye heavens, in reply:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3. To God the Father let us sing,**

**To God the Son, our risen King!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And equally let us adore**

**The Holy Spirit evermore!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In + the name of God who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage

**C Amen**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy One,

**C** **We confess that we have wandered far from you: We have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day. We have squandered our inheritance of grace; we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways. Assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

**P** Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In + Jesus name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE – “Glory to God” (Bolduc)**

***(Refrain)***

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.**

**We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,**

**O God, almighty Father.**

***(Refrain)***

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

***(Refrain)***

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray:

**C** Bountiful God, you gather your people in your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*You may be seated*

## **THE WORD**

### **First Reading – Acts 16:9-15**

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 67 “May God Bless Us With Mercy”** (Haas)

***May God bless us with mercy.***

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### **Second Reading – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel Acclamation – “Easter Alleluia”** (Haugen)

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

P The holy Gospel according to John.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel Reading – John 14:23-29**

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

**Sermon**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – “Love Goes On” (Haas)**

**1. Love is patient, love is kind,  
never ending, never ending;  
slow to anger, rich in mercy,  
love goes on beyond all time.**

**2. Love is faithful, love is true,  
ever joyful and forgiving;  
love endures when life is over,  
love is old and love is new.**

**3. Love alone has shaped our soul,  
and our hearts are always restless  
until love becomes our purpose,  
new creation to unfold.**

**4. Love our journey, love our goal.  
Though our faith may move the mountains,  
love alone can heal the broken;  
only love will make us whole.**

**5. Love, our Savior’s one command:  
“Love the way that I have loved you,”  
with a towel and a basin,  
washing feet with servant hands.**

**6. There are three gifts that remain  
when all other things have perished.  
Only faith, hope, love enduring,  
and the greatest gift is love.**

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**AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

**A** We affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed

**C** 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.**

*You may be seated*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace especially our loved ones Evie, Ethel, Leslie, Tom, Sondra, Elmer, Ann, and Suzanne. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A What else do the people of God want to lift up to God this day?.....

God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**THE MEAL**

**OFFERING HYMN – “I Am the Way” (Colson)**

Choir

**OFFERTORY – “Make Me a Servant”**

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.**

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

**C Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and the sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”** (Haugen)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, Heaven and earth are full of you glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*P* Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*P* Remembering, therefore, his death, his resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

*P* Pour out upon us the Spirit of you love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*A* Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.**

### **COMMUNION INVITATION**

*P* The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all you are thirsty, come.

*You may be seated*

**COMMUNION HYMNS – “The Eyes and Hands of Christ” (Kendzia)  
“One Sacrifice of Christ” (Modlin)**

Choir  
Kristan

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*A* Let us pray.

**C We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BENEDICTION**

*P* God, the author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
And the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN – “How Can I Keep From Singing”**

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth’s lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

***Refrain***

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I’m clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing;  
it sounds and echoes in my soul;  
How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his;  
How can I keep from singing?

Text: 87 87 with refrain; attr. to Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, alt.; verse 3, Doris Plenn. Music: Quaker Hymn; attr. to Robert Lowry.

**DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Bethany’s Mission Statement –  
Accepting  
Serving  
Loving . . .  
We Share God’s Embrace**

Music Director      Randy Field  
Accompanist        Kristan Youn

Today’s Assistants:  
Assisting Minister    Kim Hepola  
Lector                Karen Maglich  
Communion          Yvonne Morrison  
Ushers                Karla Dasen & Mary Lee Sturgeon