

## Communion Anthem

*Biblical Songs, Op. 99: 2. Hear my pray'r, O Lord* Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

Hear my pray'r, O Lord, give ear unto my cry. Thou art my refuge and my hope, Thou shalt tread down my enemies. I will dwell forever in Thy tents and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.	Lord! Thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek Thee early. My soul is faint, my body longeth after Thee in a barren desert where there is no water.
Now I will bless Thee daily and lift my hands in pray'r and adoration; yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my lifelong. (Psalm 61:1, 3-4; Psalm 63:1, 4-5)	

## Holy Communion

*(Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive Christ's body and blood. As you come forward, form a semi-circle. There, we partake of the sacrament together with each other and the saints who have come before us. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.)*

**Post-Communion Canticle** ~ LBW p. 92 *Thank the Lord and sing his praise*

*(We stand and sing once everyone has received the sacrament. In this song or chant, we offer our thanks and express our faith in what God has done for us and promised to do for us in the future.)*

### **+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+**

*(In the final part of our liturgy, we are sent out as evangelists into the world, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.)*

**Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction** ~ LBW p. 94

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Congregation (chanting): Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** ~ LBW Hymn #363 *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* TRURO

*(We stay standing and sing. As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God's word and sacrament, we are ready to go forth into the world again.)*

## Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Organ Postlude

Improvisation on *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (LBW 363)

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 21** – The Seventh Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

**Sunday, May 28** – Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

## CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Jimmy Paz, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

## WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Edward Scott

Matthew Scott

Tristyn Brogan

Rob and Karen Douglass

Charlene Kelley, Sally Russell

Jimmy Paz

Mario Aschauer

Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Crucifer/Server

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Choir Director

Organist

Liturgist, Preacher



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 21, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

### **+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+**

#### Organ Prelude

Improvisation on *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art* (LBW 524)

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**, p. 77 (*stand*)

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Children's Sermon

*(Children are invited forward for a message just for them. After the message, they can go next door to the nursery with Mrs. Bella.)*

#### The Ringing of the Bell

##### Introit (Choir)

*Tempus Paschale: In Ascensione Domini*

Ant. Ye men of Galilee, why wonder you, looking up to heaven? Alleluia; He shall so come as you have seen him going up into heaven, alleluia, alleluia, aleluia. (Acts 1:11)

V. O all ye nations clap your hands; shout unto God with the voice of joy. (Psalm 46:2)

*(We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the choir sings. "Introit" means "to enter." Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.)*

**Processional Hymn** ~ LBW Hymn #524 *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

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*(We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.)*

**Greeting and Kyrie** ~ LBW p. 78

**Hymn of Praise** ~ LBW p. 81 *This is the Feast*

**Prayer of the Day** ~ LBW p. 23

Pastor: Let us pray ...

**Congregation: Amen.**

*(Be seated.)*

**+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+**

*(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word. You may be seated.)*

**The First Lesson ~ Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

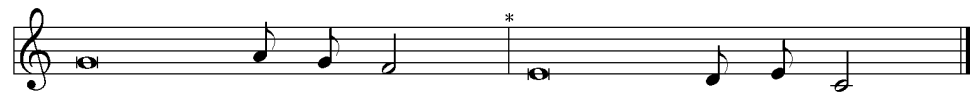
So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalmody ~ Psalm 47 (chanted responsively)**

*The choir will chant the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered (bolded) verses.*



- <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, | all you peoples;\*  
shout to God with a | cry of joy.
- <sup>2</sup> **For the Lord Most High is | to be feared;\*  
he is the great king over | all the earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> He subdues the | peoples under us,\*  
and the nations un- | der our feet.
- <sup>4</sup> **He chooses our inheri- | tance for us,\*  
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.**
- <sup>5</sup> God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the Lord with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- <sup>6</sup> **Sing praises to | God, sing praises;\*  
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**
- <sup>7</sup> For God is King of | all the earth;\*  
sing praises with | all your skill.
- <sup>8</sup> **God reigns o- | ver the nations;\*  
God sits upon his | holy throne.**
- <sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gath- | ered together\*  
with the people of the | God of Abraham.
- <sup>10</sup> **The rulers of the earth be- | long to God,\*  
and he is high- | ly exalted.**

**The Second Lesson ~ Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual (choir only) The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”**

Ant. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**The Gospel ~ Luke 24:44-53 (KJV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!**

**The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #158 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus** HYFRYDOL

**The Prayer of the People**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(Each petition will end with the response:)*

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy. **Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Congregation: Amen.**

**The Baptism of Jake Freed ~ LBW p. 121**

**The Rite of Confirmation**

*For William Biggs, Lydia Brogan, Jake Freed, Adalyn McClanahan, and Kaitlyn Ranft.*

**The Greeting of Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*(We repeat this greeting to those around us as you are comfortable.)*

**Offertory**

*The Lord Bless You And Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you:	The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,	To shine upon you and be gracious, and be
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be	gracious unto you
gracious unto you	The Lord lift up the light
The Lord bless you and keep you:	Of His countenance upon you,

The Lord lift up the light  
Of His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace, Amen

*(Be seated as ushers collect the offering and the choir sings. Having heard God’s word, we thus respond in faith and thanksgiving through this act.)*

**Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #565 Praise God, from Whom...**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+**

*(Here, Christ comes to us in the sacrament or “sacred act” of the altar. We believe that God brings himself and his forgiveness to us “in, with, and under” the bread and the wine.)*

**Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 88**

*(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)*

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 89**

**Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 90**

*(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).*

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

**Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me

**Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 91**

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p. 92 Lamb of God**

*(We stay standing as we sing about Jesus, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.)*