



ST/JOHN'S
SIXTH SATURDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

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5:00 PM

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

Our Calling Is Clear

Come raise a new song in the day that is dawning.
Let hearts all be cheerful and spirits unite.
As sun rays come streaming, as fields swell with greening,
as dewdrops lie gleaming, come taste true delight.
We form one great chorus with flow'rs and with forests,
behind us before us: one song and one voice.
One love we are sharing, one joy and one caring,
one spirit that's daring to sing and rejoice.

This world we have plundered, so much we have squandered
that lately we've wondered if life can endure.
God's will is revealed now: in each failing field now,
This earth must be healed now, our calling is clear.
It's time we awake for our grandchildren's sake
For the earth's not our making nor ours to deface.
Empow'r us in duty, restoring the beauty
that we may renew what we once have disgraced.

Our lives seem so distant from God's healing vision,
we've so much to risk and we've so much to lose.
We join now together and help one another
to daily uncover the path we must choose.
With love as our guide and with friends at our side
and with clearness of mind may we care for the earth
'til in good relation with all of creation
we find our true station and find our rebirth.

+ Word +

READING

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human

hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

DISCUSSION

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

DISCUSSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All are invited to pray, silently or aloud. Each petition concludes with:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

or

Lord, we praise you,
Thanks be to God.

+ **Meal** +

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

God our Mother, God our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal, you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ **Sending** +

SENDING SONG

O God, you have called us
to ventures where we cannot see the end
by paths never yet taken
through perils unknown.
Give us good courage
not knowing where we go
to know that your hand is leading us
wherever we might go.

Prayer of Good Courage

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life,
fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

All-loving God, Creator, † Christ, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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| † The family and friends of Helene Tadros,
Olga Domchenko's sister, who passed away
on 4/6/20, and especially for William
Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker | † Greyson Nester |
| † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson,
sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's
husband, in need of healing | † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland |
| † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga
Domchenko, in need of healing | † Marty Anderson |
| † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel &
Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer
surgery | † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson,
hospitalized with spinal injury |
| † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis | † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad
Johnson, cancer diagnosis |
| † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in
need of healing | † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson |
| † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm | † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of
Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh |
| † Susan Crist | † Sydney Johnson, her work |
| † Bob Oakes, recovering from hospitalization | † Mark Voosen |
| † Lani Miller | † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf
Peddinghaus |
| † Doug Peters, managing cancer and
recovering from broken bones | † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink |
| † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison,
ongoing back pain | † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel |
| | † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde
family |
| | † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in
need of healing |
| | † Steve Aschbacher, friend of Bill Kaspar, in
need of healing |
| | † the officers of the Rogers Park police
district |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Green Team Guest & Adult Forum

Tomorrow morning, The Rev. Brian Sauder, President & Executive Director of Faith in Place, will be preaching during our service and leading Adult Forum from 11 am to 12 pm. Faith in Place, a partner of the St. John's Green Team, works to empower people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the earth and advocating for healthier communities. Faith in Place has five program areas, including energy & climate, sustainable food & land use, water preservation, advocacy, and youth leadership & empowerment. Please join us at 11 am to learn more about the important work of Faith in Place and how our congregation can expand our involvement.

Poor People's Campaign Documentary Viewing

All are invited to join the North Cook/Lake County cluster's viewing of a portion of the forthcoming documentary, "We Cried Power," which is focused on the Poor People's Campaign. The viewing and follow-up discussion will be through Zoom on Monday, May 18th, from 7:00-8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about this historic campaign!

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85642675190?pwd=RmN2MnA1V3RmV3locHlvRStmTGvWUT09>

Documentary Description:

"We Cried Power," a compelling documentary by filmmaker Dara Kell, tells the story of a bold new social movement to end poverty in the United States. Inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, the original Poor People's Campaign was Dr. King's last great work. Today, a revived Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is carrying forward this work demanding an end to poverty, racism, militarization and ecological devastation.

This remarkable sneak preview is an intimate account of a "season of resistance," told through the eyes of the mothers, veterans, preachers, and students who are the voices and founding members of this new "fusion" movement. The film bears witness to the profound process by which those without power decide not to accept their powerlessness. Instead, they claim – through protest, dance, song, and poems, through testimony and tears – their birthright: to live decent lives in the United States of America. The full length documentary will be released in the spring.

Face Mask Challenge

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Click [here](#) for more info.

Member Milestones: Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please send us your birthdays and anniversaries so they can be included in the Member Milestones section of our eNewsletter! This section of the newsletter is also an opportunity to share any special events that come up in your or your family's life. Milestones may include happy occasions and other serious life cycle events, including but not limited to graduation, wedding engagement, illness, surgery, death in the family, job change, award received, etc. Please e-mail your information to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com.

Draft Social Message - Your Input Desired

The idea of government was already very much in focus because this was an election year, and the pandemic has focused it more so. But what does the ELCA teach about the nature and function of government in relation to God's purposes? What is a faithful Lutheran response regarding citizenship and civic engagement? To help guide our church on these questions, the 2019 Churchwide Assembly asked for the preparation of a social message. At this time, the message is in draft form. Through May 27, you are invited to provide feedback on how to strengthen the message. Click [here](#) to read "A Draft Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship in a Democracy." To offer feedback, please fill out this [survey](#). You may also choose to email comments to draftsocialmessage@elca.org. The comment period ends May 27. To learn more about what social messages are, click www.elca.org/socialmessages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 17

9:30 AM	Online Worship with Children's Message
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Adult Forum Online
7:00-8:15 PM	Confirmation Class Online

WEDNESDAY

10:00-11:00 AM	Bible Study Online
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THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM	Men's Group Online
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SATURDAY

5:00 PM	Candlelight Service Online
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SUNDAY, MAY 24

9:30 AM	Online Worship with Children's Message
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Adult Forum Online

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