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Seventh Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

10:30am Worship Service

††† Indicates where those who are able may stand.
Hearing devices are available in the narthex for those who need them.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Brenda

Opening Prayer

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Opening Sentences

based on Psalm 1

Liturgist

One: Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

ALL: We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.

One: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

ALL: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

††† Opening Hymn

“Come Thou Almighty King”

#2 in purple hymnal

††† Prayer of Humility

One: As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our sin, the sins of our community and society, to prepare ourselves to live into the redemption Christ offers.

ALL: Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You call for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Gracious God, that you are the source of nurture and flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

One: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

††† Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

projected

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

ALL: Open us, O Lord, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 17:6-19

page 1680 in pew Bible

One: The gospel of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Christ's name be praised.

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:15-26

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One: The Word of The Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

(from The Brief Statement of Faith)

ALL: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God: we hide from our Creator, ignoring God's commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

☪☪☪ Responsive Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” #69 purple

Minute for Mission

Time of Self Offering with Offertory

☪☪☪ Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” projected

☪☪☪ Prayer of Dedication

ALL: O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayers of the People, and 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.

SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

☪☪☪ Closing Hymn “Christ Is Alive” #246 purple

☪☪☪ Benediction and Response

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Postlude

Patricia Hart