

Fifth Sunday in Easter May 10th, 2020 10:30 a.m. † Service of Holy Communion









"The Averoldi Altarpiece," by Titian, approx. 1520

Reminder - We ask that you strictly adhere to these guidelines:

- An usher will guide you where to park. Please be patient as we do not know how many cars will show up.
- We ask you to not exit your vehicles.
- Please use restrooms before you arrive. However, should you need to
 exit your vehicle to use a restroom, our hallway will be taped off in 8
 feet increments. Enter & exit only through the side door. Do not congregate in the hallway.
- Please bring your own communion elements, bread & juice! We will not
 have extra elements on hand. Please use juice, as you cannot legally
 have an open container of wine in your vehicle!
- Offering can be left in a bin on the way out of the parking lot!

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God...
- C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Holy is the Lord by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing, everyone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Repeat Verse and Chorus

Bridge

And it's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing, everyone sing.

Repeat Chorus

The earth is filled with his glory.

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray... ...in Jesus Christ we pray,
- C Amen

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I

see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia by Jerry Sinclair

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Prior to reading:

- P The Holy Gospel...
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: 1"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the

Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

After the Gospel reading:

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY Great is the Lord by Michael W Smith and Deborah Smith

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just.
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true.
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise! Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice. Now lift up your voice, great is the Lord.

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just.
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true.
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord and worthy of praise! Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice. I lift up my voice, great are You, Lord. Great are You, Lord!

PRAYER SONG

Lord, Listen to Your Children by Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r send us grace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Beautiful One by Tim Hughes

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love Your cross has spoken mercy over me No eye has seen no ear has heard, no heart could fully know How glorious how beautiful You are

Chorus

Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore Beautiful One my soul must sing

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies

Your mighty works displayed for all to see The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing How marvelous how wonderful You are

Repeat Chorus x2

Bridge

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew You captured my heart with this love 'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You Repeat Chorus

THE LORD'S PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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; and 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

BENEDICTION

- P The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.
- C Amen.

SENDING SONG

For the Lord is Good by Lynn DeShazo and Gary Sadler

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever.

He's a faithful God to all generations.

For the Lord is good and His mercies will not fail us.

They are new each day, Oh lift your voice and say,

The Lord is good!

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh Lord.
Your loving kindness fills our hearts to overflowing.
Songs of rejoicing and sweet praise, they fill our hearts,
They fill our days.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
He's a faithful God to all generations.
For the Lord is good and His mercies will not fail us.
They are new each day, Oh lift your voice and say,

The Lord is good! The Lord is good! The Lord is good!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C We Will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship Participants - 10:30 a.m.

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyle Snyder

Pianist/Organist Judy Hoeft

Greeter/Ushers Carey & Megan Mattison, Mike & Brenda

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Reader Eldon Krull

Worship Team Adri DeBoer, Nicole DeBoer, Karen Goergen,

Heather Holmgren, Carrie Jones & Margo Van Moer

A special thanks to John DeCramer for pioneering our sound system for these two Sundays.

PRAYER LIST

We hold the following in our prayers...

- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Darlene Schuler (mother of Elaine Sandquist, in hospice with late stage dementia)
- Dennis Mastbergen (father of Eric Klenken, diagnosed with Coronavirus)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer, recovering from surgery)
- Marius Laursen (son-in-law of Roger & Ardi Green, recovered from Coronavirus)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- MaryJo Hennen (friend of Arlyss Hovland, diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia)
- Sharon Nelson (Aunt of Bob Moline, hospitalized with Coronavirus)
- Pastor Delwayne Hahn (former St. Stephen Interim Pastor, being treated for acute myeloid leukemia)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Family of Bonnie Walters (former member of St. Stephen, sister of Arlyss Hovland)
- Marilyn Brusven
- Family of Neil Nelson (uncle of Bob Moline, died due to Coronavirus)