**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 29, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The world belongs to God, **the earth and all its people.**

How good it is, how wonderful, **to live together in unity.**

Love and faith come together, **justice and peace join hands.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**.

**GATHERING HYMN EvLW # 526 God Is Here!**

**CONFESSION**

Holy God, maker of all **have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor **have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, breath of life **have mercy on us**

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty. Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you; Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.**

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Move among us, O God; give us life; **let your people rejoice in you.**

Make our hearts clean within us; **renew us in mind and in spirit.**

Open our lips, O God; **and our mouths shall proclaim** **your praise.**

Give us again the joy of your help; **with your spirit of freedom sustain us.**

With the whole church; **we affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere; **we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

**READINGS** **John 17:20-26**

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one - as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them, and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

“O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

**Galatians 3:23-29**

Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us; **thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** Commitment to live among God’s faithful people.

**HYMN OF THE DAY EvLW # 814 Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am**

**THE PRAYERS**

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.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honour them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry especially Deb,Lloyd, Jordon, Ferolyn, Elethia, Daryl, and Carol. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit’s gift of faith. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymn-writers. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

And now, as Jesus taught us, we say together: **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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

O God, you have set before us a great hope that your kingdom will come on earth and have taught us to pray for its coming: make us ready to thank you for the signs of its dawning, and to pray and work for the perfect day when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. We ask it for your own name’s sake. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN EvLW # 576 We All Are One in Mission**

This is the day that God has made; **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

We will not offer to God; **offerings that cost us nothing.**

Go in peace to love and to serve; **we will seek peace and pursue it.**

In the name of the Trinity of Love; **God in community, Holy and One.**

**POSTLUDE**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon May 30 Exodus 40:16-38 Acts 16:35-40 Psalm 29

Tue May 31 2 Chronicles 5:2-14 Acts 26:19-29 Psalm 29

Wed Jun 01 Ezekiel 3:12-21 Luke 9:18-27 Psalm 29

Thu Jun 02 Isaiah 32:11-17 Galatians 5:16-25 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Fri Jun 03 Isaiah 44:1-4 Galatians 6:7-10 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Sat Jun 04 2 Kings 2:1-15a Luke 1:5-17 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Sun Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8: 14-17 John 14:8-17, 25-27 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30)

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