



Virtual Worship - May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude and Silent Meditation

Holy, Holy, Holy! arr. Joseph Prentiss
Sue Wright, organist, Westminster

Let Us Prepare our Hearts

Rev. April Cranford, pastor at Westminster

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship (Psalm 66:16-20)

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me. I cried aloud to the Lord, and God was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; God has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because the Lord has not rejected my prayer or removed God's steadfast love from me.

The Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King (Italian Hymn)

Katrina and Ed Crawford, Sue Krzastek, Bettie and John Tindall; Sue Wright, organist

Let Us Confess

Linda Fields, elder at Second

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you tell us that if we love you, we will keep your commandments. You tell us that your new commandment is to love one another as you have loved us. We cannot possibly live up to this standard. We frequently neglect your teachings. We easily see others' faults and too often make excuses for our own. Send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to help us follow your instructions to feed the hungry, tend to the hurting and love our enemies. In your mercy forgive us yet again and free us to love God and neighbor more fully. (Silent prayer) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

Maximilian and Roger Daggy, First

Let Us Hear the Word

Children's Sermon

Jill Klippel, retired teacher, Westminster

Anthem

Thank You (for Giving to the Lord)
Glenn Fields Jr.

Ray Boltz (b. 1953)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-6

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Sermon

What are you looking for?

Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins, pastor at Smyrna

Let Us Respond to the Word

Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman, pastor at Hermitage

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers for the People & 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.

Offering

Offertory

His Eye is on the Sparrow arr. Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)
Tammy McKibben, pianist, Westminster

The Doxology

Old 100th
Bettie, John & Mattie Tindall with Sue Wright, organist, Westminster

Prayer of Dedication

Bruce Bosselman, elder at First

Let Us Go and Serve the Lord

Closing Hymn

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (Victory)
Kimberlea, Maximilian, and Roger Daggy, First

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins, pastor at Smyrna

Postlude

Fugue in C BuxWV 174 Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Roger Daggy, First

Lyrics to Hymns and Anthem

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Thank You (for Giving to the Lord)

Boltz (b. 1953)

I dreamed I went to heaven
And you were there with me
We walked upon the streets of
gold
Beside the crystal sea

I heard the angels singing
Then someone called your name
You turned and saw this young
man
And he was smiling as he came

He said, Friend
You may not know me now
And then he said, But wait
You used to teach my Sunday
School
When I was only eight
And every week you would say
a prayer
Before the class would start
And one day when you said that
prayer
I asked Jesus in my heart

Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave

Then another man stood before
you
And said remember the time
A missionary came to your
church
And his pictures made you cry
You didn't have much money
But you gave it anyway
Jesus took the gift you gave
And that's why I am here today

Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave

One by one they came
Far as the eye could see
Each life somehow touched
By your generosity
Little things that you had done

Sacrifices made
Unnoticed on the earth
In heaven now proclaimed

And I know up in heaven
You're not supposed to cry
But I am almost sure
There were tears in your eyes
As Jesus took your hand
And you stood before the Lord
He said, My child look around
you
Great is your reward

Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave

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The Strife is O'er Victory

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle
done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have
done their worst,
but Christ their legions has
dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly
sped;
Christ rises glorious from the
dead.
All glory to our risen Head.
Alleluia!