



Virtual Worship - May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude and Silent Meditation

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (BuxWV 184) Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Roger Daggy, organist, First

Let Us Prepare our Hearts

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship (Psalm 68:32-35)

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, God sends out God's voice, the Lord's mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in the sanctuary, the God of Israel; the Lord gives power and strength to God's people. Blessed be God!

The Hymn of Praise

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Melita)

Kimberlea, Maximilian, and Celia Daggy with David Kidd, trombone, and Roger Daggy, organ

Let Us Confess

Glenn Fields Jr., elder at Second

Prayer of Confession

God, we humble ourselves before you. The burden of our sin is too heavy to carry and too big to hide. We rejoice in your promise of mercy and forgiveness. Hear us as we name that which we no longer want to have dominion over us. Hear us and set us free.

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

Lisa Wade, Reading Specialist, Westminster

Anthem

Faith of our Fathers
David Kidd, trombone

**New Testament Reading
Sermon**

Acts 1: 6-14

A Significant Pause

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6

Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman, pastor at Hermitage

Let Us Respond to the Word

Rev. April Cranford, pastor at Westminster

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Minuet

Beethoven (1770-1827)

Celia Daggy, viola; David Kidd, trombone

The Doxology

Old 100th

Bettie, John & Mattie Tindall with Sue Wright, organist, Westminster

Prayer of Dedication

Jen Jones, *elder at First*

Let Us Go and Serve the Lord

Closing Hymn

God of Our Fathers NATIONAL ANTHEM

Katrina Crawford, John and Bettie Tindall with Organist, Sue Wright, Westminster

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman, pastor at Hermitage

Postlude

From Thy Throng So High
Sue Wright, organist

C.W. Gluck

Lyrics to Hymns and Anthem

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave for fierce confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lies with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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glory of God and to the memory of those whose
lives were given in service to their country.*