



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so too Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

**All: Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!**

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**All: How awesome are your deeds! All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.**

Liturgist: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for humankind!  
*Psalm 66:1-5*

\* **All Singing: 10 "We Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 603 "Shout to the Lord"**

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

#### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

**All:** **He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

*Psalm 66:8-9*

Liturgist: Lord, hear us as we pray:

**All:** **Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you, our God.**

#### *Silent Confession and Lament*

**All Singing:** “Trisagion”

*Ortega*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy, have mercy on us**

Liturgist: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

**All:** **And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,**

Liturgist: who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

**All:** **Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.**

Liturgist: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**All:** **Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

*Psalm 66:16-20 adapted*

\* **All Singing:** **358 “Give Thanks”**

Liturgist: Romans 12:3-5, 9-16

## Proclamation

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All Singing:** **749 “Spirit of the Living God**

Scripture: John 14:15-21

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Love's Expectation

\* **All Singing: 859 "Be Thou My Vision"**

## Dedication

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

### OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Providence Life Services

OFFERTORY Processional and Air on "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Laura Wasson  
*Tune: Hyfrydol*

\* **All Singing: 965 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

Postlude: "Allegro" from Voluntary John Garth

### Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Beckham Van Wyngarden
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Ginny Carpenter
Vocalists:	Lori & Evelyn Evenhouse	Prayer:	Luke Van't Land
Saxophones:	Danielle & Aaron Murawski		
Percussionists:	Clay Carlson		
	Henry Evenhouse		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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