

ORDER OF WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

May 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **It is the one true and living God we worship.**

People: **In Him we live and move and have our being.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Gracious God, we thank You for the morning, awaking to the majesty of Your creation. Fill us with the joy of Your loving spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 804 "*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*" MARION

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, forgive our sinful nature. We long to love our neighbors but find them detestable. We know we should love our enemies but just can't always do so. Give us strength to follow Your commandments as we strive to be Your true disciples. (Say – "**Please pray silently,**" and after about 20 seconds, say, **Amen**)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

You may be seated

TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Give us a mind that wants to know Your word. Help us to reach beyond the easy reading and see how You would have us use Your word in our world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 66:8-20, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

People: **For You, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried.**

Leader: **You brought us into the net; You laid burdens on our backs;.**

People: **You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Leader: **I will come into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows,**

People: **those that my lips uttered, and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

Leader: **I will offer to You burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

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

Leader: **I cried aloud to Him, and He was extolled with my tongue.**

People: **If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**

Leader: **But truly God has listened; He has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

People: **Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from Acts 17:22-31, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 137-138 of the New Testament
Acts 17:22-31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM:

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 14:15-21, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 109 of the New Testament

John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 828 "*More Love to Thee, O Christ*" MORE LOVE TO THEE

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "*Glory Be to the Father*"

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end, Amen, amen.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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

OFFERTORY: *"Voluntary Moderato"* - Bernhard Kothe

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Benevolent God. Thank You for providing for our needs. In everything You bless us abundantly and You know our needs. Forgive us when we put our wants ahead of Your church. Help us to be champions for the poor, the marginalized, the homeless and hungry. Show us ways to help Your people who struggle here in our own community. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 408 *"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 80 *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* THE TREES OF THE FIELD
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

Daily Bread

Supplement

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group - changing décor for Pentecost

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Cecil Nash has been suffering with possible allergies

Pat Nash has bronchitis

Nina had surgery on 4 hernias, please pray for a speedy recovery

Jessica Zinn is very sad because her beloved cat died

Bryan Booth has been diagnosed with Addison's disease

Makia and Mireille are happy to be here, but are asking for prayers

CELEBRATIONS

Alice Ann is recovering from hip replacement surgery

Pat is celebrating the job Joe and Russel did re-striping the parking lot – it looks great

Spencer graduates May 16 from SMU