

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE: "Meditation on FOUNDATION" - arr. John S. Dixon

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:

Leader: **Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

People: **For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great King over all the earth.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" – vs. 1 MADRID

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - jice;

praise is His gracious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Lord, we praise You for this day and all the days to come. Be with us in this sanctuary as we worship You in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY

***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**

Lord, we are at times a selfish people. We want safety, wealth and comfort for ourselves, but are not concerned with humanity around the globe. We long for creature comforts, while others scramble for wholesome food and clean drinking water. Forgive our inaction to others and our focus on self. Show us the way to be Your chosen disciples. (Please wait about 20 seconds, and then say...) In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 436 "*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*" O QUANTA QUALIA
God of com – pas – sion, in mer – cy be – friend us,
Giv – er of grace for our needs all – a – vail – ing.
Wis – dom and strength for each day ev – er send us,
pa – tience un – tir – ing and cour – age un – fail – ing.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, open our minds and hearts to hear and understand Your word for our world today. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 1 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from Acts 1:1-11 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 118 of the New Testament

Acts 1:1-11

1In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 24:44-53 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 91 of the New Testament

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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. 417 "*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*" SOUTHWELL

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: *"God Bless the Mothers"* - Donald Lee Moore

***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**

Generous God, we are thankful for the many gifts You have given us. We know that all we have comes from You. Accept these our gifts as a sacrificial offering to You and use them for Your work in this world. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

*** HYMN** No. 645 *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* MIT FREUDEN ZART

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 611 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* vs. 3 HYMN TO JOY

Mor – tals, join the hap – py cho – rus which the morning stars be -gan.

Love di – vine is reign – ing o'er us, join – ing all in heav – en's plan.

Ev – er sing – ing, march we on – ward, vic – tors in the midst of strife.

Joy – ful mu – sic leads us sun – ward in the tri – umph song of life.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *"Postlude on KINGSFOLD"* - arr. David Paxton

Daily Bread

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, please see Barry before the Worship Service begins.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

LUNCHEON FOR BARRY AND BRYAN

We are going to have a luncheon to celebrate all the memories we have had with Barry and Bryan. It is with a heavy heart that we are going to have to say goodbye to our dear friends. So, on May 26th (probably their last Sunday with us,) we are going to have a catered lunch. I hope we have a huge turn-out (they deserve it!)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

Prayers for all those who are without shelter during this cold snap.

Clyde Lockhart is in rehab with RSV and needs our continued prayers

Family and friends of the people who were killed at a concert in Moscow

Barry's son Kirk and his wife Sally. Sally has been missing for 5 days, without a trace.

The Chief of Cameroon passed away, he did not suffer. Keep the Epie's in your Prayers.

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Joan Christy is still recovering in a nursing/rehabilitation home.

CELEBRATIONS

Spencer's a cappella choir put on a fantastic concert

Martha's granddaughter is getting her Master's Degree