Order of worship

May 16, 2021 7th Sunday of Easter



Prelude

"How Beautiful" arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.

There he hears our prayers,

pleads our cause before the Father, and rules the world.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Hymn #322

"Spirit of the Living God"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God. Thanks be to God.

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Sermon

"No longer..."

Offering our Gifts

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live in, and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other and to all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated. Make us humble enough to help and comfort them, so that your love and justice and peace may come to them. We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people. God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called.

[Silence]

O Lord of providence holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.

[Silence]

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples. Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures; increase in us the recognition that we are all your children.

[Silence]

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth. Have mercy on its weakness, bring to an end its unhappy divisions, and scatter its fears. Look also upon the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

[Silence]

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Gather all these together and hear our prayer as we join now in praying how Jesus taught us to pray:

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.

Closing Hymn #300 (GTG) "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

Benediction

May the love of the cross, the power of the resurrection, and the presence of the living Lord be with you always. And the blessing of the eternal God, creator and sustainer, risen and ascended Lord and Savior, giver of holiness and love, be upon you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation" arr. by James Mansfield



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Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-Guest Liturgist: Donna Schake Hymn Leaders: Sue & Liz Toomey Deacon Greeters: Nancy Fisher & Barb Cromwell





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