

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*please stand as you are able, in body or spirit

Bold indicates congregational response.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP - from PSALM 68, vs. 32-35

Sing to God, all kingdoms of the earth!

Sing praises to my Lord.

**Sing to the one who rides through heaven,
the most ancient heaven.**

Look! God sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Recognize how strong God is!

His majesty extends over Israel; His strength is in the clouds.

**You are awesome, God, in your sanctuaries-
The God of Israel who gives strength and power to
his people! Bless God!**

HYMN* “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (vs.1, 3) 267

**1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!**

**3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE THROUGH MUSIC

CHOIR

CONFESSION OF SIN THROUGH MUSIC

HYMN: *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”* 169

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find in deeper reverence, praise.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON THROUGH MUSIC

HYMN: *“Blessed Assurance” (vs. 1 & Refrain)* 839

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

240, Chorus

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

HYMN: *“JESUS LOVES ME”*

HYMN: *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"* (vs.1, 2) 234

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

OFFERING OF MUSIC *"I Will Guide Thee"* Adult Choir

GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-8

SERMON

Clark Gaylord

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* The Apostle's 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; on 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN*

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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**1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, Nor
wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever
near: I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting
sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me
and within; but, Jesus, draw still nearer and shield
my soul from sin.**

**3 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and
still, above the storms of passion the murmurs of
self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or
control; O speak, and make me listen, thou
guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou are in glory there shall thy servant
be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the
end; O give me grace to follow my Master and my
friend.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 611

Congregation and Choir

1 Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

POSTLUDE (Please be seated during the Postlude)

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan
Ron Pearson
Betty Manus
Susan Dickerson
Edd Stoops
Marty Rogers
Matthew Harper
Cathy Cunningham
Pat Robinson
Kristin Adams

MUSICIANS: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian,
Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster,
Pat Fullen, Adult Choir (varies)

Auto/Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney
Alex Chaney
Bruce Harper

Upcoming:

May 21: NO Session Meeting

May 28: Pentecost, last day of adult choir

May 29: Memorial Day, Church Office Closed

June 11: Stated Session Meeting

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

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THE SESSION

Sue Bentley, clerk

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We welcome each person who is visiting with our congregation this morning and extend a special invitation for you to make Northside church your home. Members and visitors, please use prayer request station to alert the church to pastoral needs or concerns.

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9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Wednesday)