

Worship for the Lord's Day 6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT (Hymn No. 1 vs. 1)
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Rev. 4:8-11

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

People: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the House of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

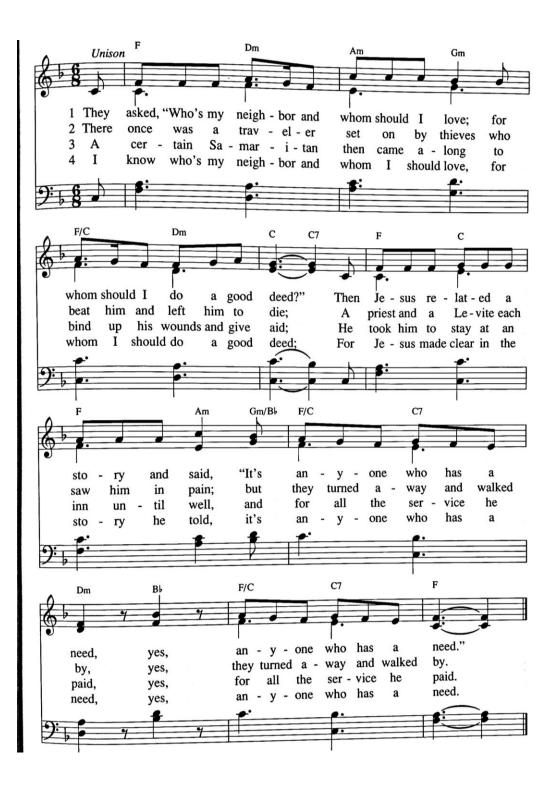
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody; with trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD; for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*HYMN

"They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

NEIGHBOR



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, break through the heavens to rescue your people; f or we have been faithless, afraid, lost, and deceived. Break through the heavens and rescue us! We don't know the right unless you come and minister, judge, and teach us. Send your Holy Spirit to speak truth into our lives. Forgive us when we resist your Holy Spirit's direction. Empower us to know the right and have the courage to live the right without fear.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Isaiah 1:18; Romans 8:29*)

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson they shall be like wool." "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." The salvation of the Lord is a gift, given once and for all, through our brother and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE PASSING OF PEACE

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with words and signs of peace.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 1:22-23

²² Your silver has become dross, your choice wine is diluted with water. ²³ Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷ He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stewardship remains a part of what we do about what we believe. Please mail your offering by check to the church, or send it electronically via the "Give Now" button at the top of our homepage. If you are attending services in person, you can place your offering in the red boxes or in the plate, as the ushers come down the center aisles.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 37)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise;
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Three-fold Amen"

POSTLUDE

Peace Pearl: The fruits of justice shall be peace.

Next Sunda	ay, May 12, 2024 Youth Sunday
9:00 a.m	Sunday School/Adult Education
10:00 a.m	Combined Service in Sanctuary

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