

May 20, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Noel Johnson

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

John DeLoach

Leader: We gather in this place, some empty, some filled, some whole, some broken:

People: yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.

Leader: We come, with these ordinary people, who have shown us the way:

People: trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.

Leader: We surround the Table of grace so we might be fed by the Bread of life:

People: that graced, we may serve others; that healed, we may bring hope to the world.

***HYMN NO. 154**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

CALL TO CONFESSION

Larry Moore

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord,
the way we live proclaims our lack of faith
in his power to deal with the world.
Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust.
While we sing of your lordship over all creation,
we have too often acted as though you are powerless
in the face of today's events.
Help us to live with confidence in your presence today
and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.**

-The Worship Sourcebook, p. 662-663

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of the gospel:
If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

—based on 1 John 2:1-2, NRSV

EPISTLE READING

Acts 1:1-11

Page 143 (NT) in pew Bibles

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24:44-53

Page 111 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Must Tell Jesus

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir with Martha Moore, soloist

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Margaret Crooks

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***HYMN NO. 312**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLanfair

SERMON

"From Meal to Mission"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Please see insert)

***HYMN NO. 715**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Gary Patterson, SPRC Chair

***BENEDICTION**

Go out into the world.

In your words and in your lives

bear witness to the Christ who has ascended

to be everywhere present.

And as you come to know him,

may God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation,

may Christ Jesus lift up his hands and bless you,

and may the Spirit open to you all the riches of Christ's inheritance.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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***RESPONSE NO. 666**

Shalom to You

Shalom

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Invitation

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,

the Holy Supper that we are about to celebrate
is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

**Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension,
Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit,
who unites us all in one body,
so are we to receive this supper in true love,
mindful of the communion of saints.¹**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the living God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God,

In the beginning was darkness, mystery, and you.
By your own Word, you shattered the darkness with light.
You set in the sky radiant beams of sunlight
and punctured the night sky with sparkling jewels.
You forever changed our darkness.

Holy God,

Though there are shadows and worries,
You have placed your Word in us to be a lamp for our feet.
You have given your Spirit like a bright guiding star.
You fill us with Your Love as glorious as the sun.
You place your Truth like a crescent moon.
Every darkness is overcome with Light.
And every Light contains shafts of your Eternal Light.

¹ Adapted from John D. Witvliet and Emily Brink, eds., *The Worship Sourcebook*. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2004), 313.

God of the sun and stars, we praise you
and with all the creatures of earth and
all the company of heaven we join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Ever-persistent and ever-loving God, you placed a star in the sky
to guide people from far and near to your child.
Jesus became the Light of the World,
drawing the lost and forgotten, the hurt and the wounded,
the oppressed and depressed to the wellspring of life.
He changed water into wine,
called unheralded workers to be disciples,
preached good news to the poor,
healed the sick and beckoned people to love their neighbor.
By his baptism, death, resurrection, and ascension
he revealed the depths of your love and the power of
light over darkness.

On the night he gave himself up, Jesus gathered with his friends.
He took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his followers, saying,
"Take, eat, this is my life broken for you."

Likewise, he took the cup, blessed it and gave it to his disciples.
"Drink this all of you, for this is my life poured out for you and for all,
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Holy God:
Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may be a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable in your sight, and that our lives may proclaim the
mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that through Christ's presence we may become a beacon of holy
light, a source of joy, a witness for peace.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, one with seekers far and near,
and one in ministry to all the world
until we feast again at the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**²

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Pouring and Breaking and Serving

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.
The Cup we share is the Cup of Promise.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come and eat, the banquet awaits.³

Communions Servers:
Lindsay Burns, Joe and Vickie Chandler, Reverend Martin,
Steve and Cindy Skinner

Prayer Following Communion

You come to set our spirits aglow, O God. For this we are grateful. Send us from this table to be genuine in our love and constant in our prayers. Grant that we may not weary in zeal, but rejoice in hope. Let our love be genuine. Amen.⁴

² Elise S. Eslinger, ed., *Upper Room Worshipbook: Music and Liturgies For Spiritual Formation* (Nashville: Upper Room, 2007), 48.

³ Gord Waldie, "The Banquet of Hopeful Expectations," *Worship Offerings*, entry posted January 20, 2008, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2008/01/banquet-of-hopeful-expectation-advent.html> (accessed April 11, 2012).

⁴ Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 425.

Music Notes

In 1893, Elisha Hoffman, wrote, "There was a woman to whom God had permitted many visitations of sorrow and affliction. Coming to her home one day, I found her much discouraged. She unburdened her heart, concluding with the question, 'Brother Hoffman, what shall I do?' I quoted from the word, then added, 'You cannot do better than to take all of your sorrows to Jesus. You must tell Jesus.'

For a moment she seemed lost in meditation. Then her eyes lighted as she exclaimed, 'Yes, I must tell Jesus.' As I left her home, I had a vision of that joy-illuminated face...and I heard all along my pathway the echo, 'I must tell Jesus. I must tell Jesus.'" Upon arriving home Hoffman wrote the words and music to today's anthem.

I Must Tell Jesus

arr. Lloyd Larson

I just tell Jesus all of my trials, I cannot bear these burdens alone.
In my distress he kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior, one who can help my burdens to
bear.

I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, He all my cares and sorrows will share.

Refrain

O how the world to evil allures me! O how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me over the world the victory to win.

Refrain