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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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May 22, 2022

10:30 am

PRELUDE "Freely"

Brian Jacob

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION: *He Came* - Hearts 4 Worship

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION: Shelby Bearfield

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65:1-8a

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song.

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king;

my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

² You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips;

therefore God has blessed you forever.

³ Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty! ⁴ In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;

let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

⁵ Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies;

the peoples fall under you.

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

⁷ **you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

⁸ **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir. (ESV)

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in Your being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; we worship and adore You. All Your works praise You in all places of Your dominion, and Your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ Your Son. Therefore we praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever. **Amen.**

***HYMN: *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining* #192**

CALL TO CONFESSION

An angel told the apostle John, "Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates." Let us confess our sins to wash our robes to be a pure white and so that we may enter the heavenly city above to eat of the fruit of the tree of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we grieve Your Spirit who lives within us by our graceless words. You tell us to be filled with Your Spirit but too often we have no joy and are not fun to be around. Your Son poured out the Holy Spirit but too often we are bored in worship. Purify us for the sake of Your Son who died for our faithless words and deeds and fill us with joy and grace as You remind us of the taste of His good wine. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. **And also with you. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. (ESV)

SERMON "Weddings & Wine"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY *Come to the Lord*

Brian Jacob

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great.

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Accept and use our offerings for Your glory and for service in Your vineyard.

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Amen.

***HYMN:** *The Church's One Foundation* #321

CHARGE

How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

The Lord will be with you and will keep you, He will give you bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that you will come again to your Father's house in peace.

The Lord is my God. Amen

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Rev. Justin L. Marple for sharing his gifts with us today.

Hymns

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining #192

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me. **Refrain**

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. **Refrain**

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell you story.
Shine on me; shine on me. **Refrain**

The Church's One Foundation #321

1 The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3 Through with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.