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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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**May 29, 2022**

**10:30 am**

**PRELUDE            *God Bless America***

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Let everyone who hears say, "Come."

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

O God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults,  
keep us near to you in the hours of each day  
that by the power of the prayer Jesus prays for us  
and the light of your Word  
we might drink of your living water, know true joy,  
and serve you to the end of time. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN:     *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory #354***

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in the promise of grace,  
let us tell the whole truth about ourselves  
and beg God's mercy  
for the renewal and amendment of our lives.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious Power,  
you call us to your everlasting springs  
to be drenched and reformed,  
but we fail to heed you.  
We do not turn with love to our neighbors  
to ourselves, or to you.  
Forgive us for our failings,  
shield us from our due,  
and guide us into unity with all  
for the sake of the whole world. Amen.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

In the compassion of the God who prays for us,  
with us, and in us,  
you are forgiven,  
for the sake of the one who was sent  
to show us the face of love  
and who died and rose,  
one with the Father and with us.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

<sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

<sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

<sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

<sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**SERMON "Thoughts & Prayers"**

**The Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling**

## **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**

*My Country Tis of Thee*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Eternal God, who brings joy out of sorrow,  
plenty out of want, life out of death:  
we thank you for the treasures of the earth,  
your creation, filled with your blessing,  
for it was in company with these earthly things  
that your Son came to dwell,  
showing us the enormity of your love.**

**\*HYMN:**    *This Is My Song*    #340

### **CHARGE**

Your chains are broken; your prison doors are open.  
Go forth, then, with joy to live as one  
with the God who sends you out.  
Let the hope that is in you, free you daily  
that through you, the Holy Spirit may free others.

### **BENEDICTION**

**We would like to thank Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling for sharing his gifts with us today.**

## Hymns

### **“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” #354**

#### **Refrain:**

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! God’s truth is marching on.

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.  
God’s truth is marching on. **Refrain**

2 God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat  
And is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **Refrain**

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,  
While God is marching on. **Refrain**

### **“This Is My Song” #340**

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2 My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:  
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.