

Sunday May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

VU = Voices United Hymn Book

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Lord, You are so Precious to Me

G. Kendrick

Call to Worship:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This day God calls us

to be people of the resurrection!

Let us take our place in the procession

of all who have celebrated Christ's resurrection
through the centuries.

Amen! Alleluia!

Let us live out the power of Christ raised from the dead.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let us worship God!

Amen!

Opening Hymn: VU 168, The Risen Christ (1)

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.

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Prayer of Approach:

Servant Christ,

help us to follow you out of the dark tomb,

to share daily your resurrection life,

to be renewed daily in your image of love,

to be used daily as your new Body

in your service to the world.

Servant Christ, help us to follow you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reading: Stuart McLean

Mark 12: 28 - 31

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

This is the Gospel of Christ

Thanks be to God



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Scripture Reading: Stuart McLean

1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13

- ¹ *If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*
- ² *And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.*
- ³ *If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*
- ⁴ *Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant*
- ⁵ *or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;*
- ⁶ *it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.*
- ⁷ *It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*
- ⁸ *Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.*
- ⁹ *For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;*
- ¹⁰ *but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.*
- ¹¹ *When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.*
- ¹² *For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.*
- ¹³ *And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God



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Ministry of Music: The Gift of Love

arr. John Carter

Reflection: Rev. Cordelia Karpenko

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Time of Offering

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: Spoken

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: VU 424, May the God of Hope Go with Us (2)

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race. R

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Dare to Be a Daniel

P.P. Bliss

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We gather to experience, show and share the difference
God's love in Christ makes in our lives.
We strive to be a people growing spiritually,
while reaching out to others in response to Jesus Christ.



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