

We pray for our congregation and our neighborhood; for individuals who are lonely or feel alone; for families that wish for peace at home; for travelers and visitors in our midst. Shelter us in the shade of the tree of life, granting refreshment and healing in our weariness. Strengthen our faith... and inspire and enliven this congregation by the transformation that only comes through the gospel. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fountains, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" #763

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

EASTER PROCLAMATION AND DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 22, 2022

GREETING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" #389

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Patriotic Medley”

Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus’ followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

SERMON

Yvonne Smith, Parish Nurse

SERMON SONG

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#631

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God’s promise of healing and new life, we pray for the renewal and wellbeing of the church, the world, and all of creation

A brief silence.

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed us with the bounty of your creation. Bless the earth with enough rain and sunshine for the flourishing of orchards, gardens, and fields. Give us thankful hearts as we share the fruit of the land with all who hunger. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. Overcome divisions of race, politics, and religion. Bring an end to war, terrorism, and violence. Mend relationships across borders, across oceans... across communities. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our hearts are troubled and afraid, O God. Visit us again with your peace. Give hope and comfort to those who grieve the death of loved ones (*especially the family and friends of Beverly Wimmer and Millie Peterson*). Give strength and courage to those facing uncertain futures: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those in difficult relationships, those living with chronic pain, depression or anxiety, those waiting for news about their health, and those who are sick or recovering from illness or surgery (*especially Carol, Kevin, Nancy, Dan, John, Sue, Rene, Laurie, Bev, Mark, Cheri, Rita, Loretta, Ruth, Gary, Phil, Joan, Janet, Renee, Rhonda, and those we name now—aloud or in the silence of our hearts*). Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**