

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Date: May 9, 2021

First slide: “Title: Sixth Sunday of Easter”

Sound: Larry Duncan, **Computer:** Todd Ludwitzke; **Ushers:** Daryl and Lori Bannit

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Rolling announcements

Slide: Prelude: Piano: “Thy Word” – Michael W. Smith

Slide: Prelude: Organ: “Litany – Franz Schubert”

: *Ringing of the Bell...we pause to slow our heart rhythm and world down. To focus our innermost attention on God*

Bell Ringer: John Hobert

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Hymn: # 879, verses 1, 4, & 5, “For the Beauty of the Earth”, Worship, (ELW, cranberry)

Lighting of candles- Acolyte: Owen Hansen

v.1

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

v.4

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

v.5

For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n:

Refrain:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Easter Call to Worship: in part, by Rev. Susan A. Blain.

P: The Spirit is coming to bless us with new song:

C: Let our joy be complete!

P: Gifts for the good of all,

C: Poured out on all:

P: A new song:

C: Love one another!

P: Strangers and neighbors,

C: Those far away and those nearby,

P: Friends and family join in song,

C: No longer servants but friends!

P: Come!

C: Come, let us worship.

P: Let us make a joyful noise,

C: Rejoicing in Spirit

P: Rejoicing in Jesus' Resurrection, and all that he overcame,

C: Rejoicing in God's love,

P: Rejoicing,

C: In the friendship of God.

Hymn of Praise: #631, verse 1, "Love Divine, All Love's excelling", *Worship* (ELW, cranberry)

v.1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Oh God, You have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All: Amen.

You may be seated

Special Music: Doug Anderson (Saxophone) – Gospel Medley (arr. By Brent Adams)

Children's Message

First Lesson Psalm 98

Reader: Paul Jacobson

L: The First Lesson is from the Old Testament worship book of Psalms, the Ninety Eighth chapter.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
because he has done miracles.
By his right hand and holy arm
he has won the victory.
The LORD has made known his power to save;
he has shown the other nations his victory for his people.
He has remembered his love
and his loyalty to the people of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
God's power to save.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth;
burst into songs and make music.
Make music to the LORD with harps,
with harps and the sound of singing.
Blow the trumpets and the sheep's horns;
shout for joy to the LORD the King.

Let the sea and everything in it shout;
 let the world and everyone in it sing.
 Let the rivers clap their hands;
 let the mountains sing together for joy.
 Let them sing before the LORD,
 because he is coming to judge the world.
 He will judge the world fairly;
 he will judge the peoples with fairness.

Leader: Here ends the reading. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson 1 John 5:1-6

Reader: Paul Jacobson

L: The Second Lesson is from the New Testament book of 1 John, the fifth chapter, verses 1-6.

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ^[a] has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, **4** for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. **5** Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Leader: Here ends the reading. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Please stand for the Alleluia Verse

Alleluia Verse: Worship, p. 151 “*Alleluia*”

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Fifteenth chapter, verses 9-17.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel St. John 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. **11** I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. **12** “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I do not call you servants^[a] any longer, because the servant^[b] does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. **16** You did not choose me but

I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ

You may be seated

Special Video: “Set me as a seal”, First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE

Sermon: Pastor Randy

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day: #613 “Thy Holy Wings”, Worship, (ELW, Cranberry)

v.1

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, And let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, And let my ev’ry moment be lived within thy grace.

v.2

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast Where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, For I am but a newborn and need thy tender care

v.3

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah’s cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, And while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Apostles Creed, p.105

Prayers of the church: (After each petition there will be a brief pause. Leader will say, “Lord, in your mercy”; Please respond “Hear our Prayer”.)

The Lord’s Prayer

Easter Benediction:

L: The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and (t) bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: amen.

Sending:

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed!

P: Go in Peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God

Closing Hymn #815 “I want to Walk as a Child of the Light”, *Worship*, (ELW, Cranberry)

Extinguishing of candles **Acolyte: Owen Hansen**

V.1

I want to walk as a child of the light

I want to follow Jesus

God sent the stars to give light to the world

The star of my life is Jesus

Chorus:

In Him there is no darkness at all

The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

V.2

I want to see the brightness of God

I want to look at Jesus

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path

And show me the way to the Father

Chorus:

In Him there is no darkness at all

The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

V.3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ

I want to be with Jesus

When we have run with patience the race

We shall know the joy of Jesus

Chorus:

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

Ringing of chancel bells

Postlude: “Chorale” – J.S. Bach