



7th Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024



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GATHERING TOGETHER

Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

Christ is Arisen

Jan Bender

*The Organist's Companion, V 4 #3
Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp. 1982*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

This is the Day

Hal H. Hopson

Birnamwood Publications, 2012

*This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice!
The Lord has triumphed gloriously,
Let us rejoice!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting the Candle

Word for Worship: Grief

Pre-K - 5th Graders

*HYMN No. 26

Earth and All Stars!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beth Paskoff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Resurrection God,
Though we continue to celebrate the miracle of Easter,
we admit that at times it is hard to hold onto hope.
Anxiety and fear can rule the day,
and so rather than trust in you,
we want glimpses of the future
so that we know that we are secure.
We want uncertainty removed from our lives,
and for everything to go as we expect -
even though we know that is impossible.
Help us find peace as we turn to you, God.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Lead our spirits to say, "All will be well because we are yours."
Lead our spirits to find the serenity and peace
which the world cannot give.
And lead our spirits to know that in life and in death
we belong to you.
We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

We have nothing to fear in life or in death
because of the forgiveness we know through Christ.
**We are grateful for God's love and forgiveness.
In Christ we are new creations. Alleluia!**

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 231 vs. 3

**Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SERMON

Kathy Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Julius R Tipton

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I'm asleep, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me
Christ in every eye that sees me
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giving God,

**We do not wish to squander what you have given us,
and so we offer our gifts back to you.**

**May our time, talents and treasure be pleasing to you,
and may we see new ways we can give throughout the week
to get a glimpse of your reign here on earth.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN No. 821

My Life Flows On

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

CHARGE and BENEDECTION

God is...

Everywhere.

POSTLUDE

Toccatina on Victory: "The Strife is O'er"

Geoffrey Stanton

The Organist's Companion, V 39 #3

Wayne Leupold Editions, Inc., 2017

Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell serves as the Director for the Synod Partnership for Disaster Recovery (SPDR), a four-year pilot initiative of eleven presbyteries, the Synod of the Sun, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. SPDR seeks to connect, equip, and empower communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events across Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and beyond. A native of New Orleans, Kathy and her family returned to Louisiana last August after a decade of exile in various parts of Texas. Kathy and her husband, Alex, have two sons and a very senior dog named Thomas.



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