

The Lord's Day, May 9, 2021

The Christian Year: The Sixth Sunday of Easter,

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (Romans 1:19-20)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 45:18, 48:12-13

Minister: Thus says the Lord, who created the heavens

People: He is God!

Minister: Who formed the earth and made it

People: He established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!

Minister: "I am the Lord, and there is no other. . . I am he; I am the first, and I am the last.

People: My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens."

Unison: Come, let us give praise to our Creator God.

*Hymn of Adoration: "[Praise to the Lord, the Almighty](#)" (No. 53)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,

decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief
hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity: The heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches; the universe is your temple, and your presence fills immensity. Yet you have of your pleasure created life and communicated happiness. You have made me what I am and given me what I have. In you I live and move and have my being; you wisely administer all my affairs. I thank you for your riches to me in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of Him in your Word, where I behold his Person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection. I pray to you in the all-prevailing name of Jesus. Amen.

From "God the Source of All Good" in The Valley of Vision

***Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Praise be to God!

***Gloria (Tune: Gloria Patri, Creatorex)**

Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 115

Hymn of Thanksgiving: "[All Praise to God Who Reigns Above](#)" (No. 4)

1 All praise to God, who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r hath made
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might,
lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

3 I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank him, thank our God, with me.
To God all praise and glory!

4 The Lord forsaketh not his flock,
his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock,
their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

5 Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod,
the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

6 Then come before his presence now
and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow
and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
the Lord, my God, did all things well,
To God all praise and glory!

Public Confession

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you, hear us as we come to you, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

The Promise of the Gospel

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: "I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, 'I will confess my transgression to the Lord'; and You did forgive the guilt of my sin." Psalm 32:5

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "[Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness](#)" (No. 520)

1 Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3 When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
ev'n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

4 Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me -
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

5 O let the dead now hear thy voice;
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures: [Acts 17:16-34](#)

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "Proclaiming the Unknown" (Rev. Clayton Shaver)

*Hymn of Preparation: "Behold the Lamb" (SH No. 7, verses 1-2)

1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.
2 The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us
life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is anyone with whom you are not at peace with so far as it depends on you (Rom. 12:18), please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

*For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice. The bread is gluten free.
Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served so that we may partake together.*

*Departing Hymn: "Behold the Lamb" (SH No. 7, verses 3-4)

3 The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

4 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

In conjunction with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Thank You

Renee Kay wishes to express her thanks and gratitude to those in our congregation who have sent cards and condolences in the unexpected passing of her husband, Brad Kay, in January. Brad and Renee were members of Christ the King in our early days as a congregation.

➤ Baby Bottle Campaign for Care Net Pregnancy Center of IRC

Fill a Bottle, Save a LIFE! Help Care Net share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. If you wish to participate, pick up a bottle in the church foyer, fill it up, and return it by Sunday, June 20.

➤ Nursery Workers Needed

As the rhythm of normalcy returns to the life of our church, we want to be sure we are prepared to care for our youngest people. If you are interested in volunteering to serve in the nursery during our Sunday service, please contact Susan Parsons at the church office. (772) 978-5848 or susan@ctkvb.org.