

The Lord's Day, May 22, 2022

The Christian Year: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices! Psalm 37:7*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 77:11-15

Minister: I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

People: **Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?**

Minister: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

People: **You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

Unison: **Come, let us praise our God!**

*Hymn of Adoration: God Moves in a Mysterious Way (No. 128)

1 God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs,
and works his sovereign will.

3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
he hides a smiling face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding ev'ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flow'r.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

We extol you, our God and King, and we will bless your name forever and ever. You are great and greatly to be praised; your greatness is unsearchable. May the glorious splendor of your majesty, your wondrous works, and your awesome deeds be our daily meditation. May our lips proclaim your greatness and abundant goodness; may we ever sing of your righteousness; may we make known to all the glorious splendor of your kingdom. For you, O Lord, are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You are good to all, and your mercy is over all you have made. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Amen.

Based on Psalm 145:1-13

*Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.1

Minister: What do you believe concerning the providence of God?

People: **God—the great Creator of all things—upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least. He exercises this most wise and holy providence according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria (Ode to Joy)**

**Glory be to God the Father and to Christ His only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the Church as one:
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore!
Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 73

Minister: Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

People: But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.

Minister: For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

People: They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.

Minister: They are free from the burdens common to man; they are not plagued by human ills;

People: Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence.

Minister: From their callous hearts comes iniquity; the evil conceits of their minds know no limits.

People: They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression.

Minister: Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.

People: Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance.

Minister: They say, "How can God know? Does the Most High have knowledge?"

People: This is what the wicked are like – always carefree, they increase in wealth.

Minister: Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence.

People: All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning.

Minister: If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed your children.

People: When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me,

Minister: till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

People: Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.

Minister: How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!

People: As a dream when one awakes, so when you arise, O Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.

Minister: When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,

People: I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

Minister: Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

People: You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

Minister: Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

People: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Minister: Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

People: But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

***Hymn of Response: "O Lord Most High with All My Heart" (No. 48; Tune: "As the Hart Longs")**

1 O Lord Most High, with all my heart
your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks
and sing the praises of your name.

2 The Lord, the everlasting King,
is seated on his judgment throne;
the righteous Judge of all the world
will make His perfect justice known.

3 Jehovah will a refuge prove,
a refuge strong for all oppressed,
a safe retreat, where weary souls
in troubled times may surely rest.

4 All they, O Lord, that know your name
their confidence in you will place,
for you have ne'er forsaken them
who earnestly have sought your face.

5 Sing praises to the Lord Most High,
to him who does in Zion dwell;
declare his mighty deeds abroad,
his deeds among the nations tell.

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, I pray for your Church, that she may be revived. I pray especially for this congregation, that our hearts may be drawn more deeply into fellowship with you.

People: We pray for those in this congregation who serve Christ in various ministries in our community, especially for The Women's Refuge and Care Net.

Minister: I pray for those whom we know who serve Christ in this country and around the world, especially for the pastors of Tanzania (diocese of Mara-Ukerewe), the Mahands (London, England), the Mays (Peru), and the Lees (RUF at FAU).

People: We pray for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. Please help those in any need or trouble, especially our brothers and sisters throughout the world suffering persecution.

Minister: I pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. May they find and be found by You.

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of you, Lord, fill the earth through them.

Minister: May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (Psalm 116:1-2)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "My Heart Is Filled with Thanksgiving" (SH No. 17)**

1 My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
And clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness
With power upon my heart.

3 My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow Him.

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2 My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

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: Jeremiah 11:18-12:17**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "Why Do the Wicked Prosper?" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Praise: "How Great Thou Art" (No. 44)**

1 O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods, and forest glades I
wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

3 And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

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***The Benediction**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

Congratulations to Kirsten Ayson, Victoria Featherstone, and Owen Viersma on your graduation!

➤ **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 19, Father's Day.

➤ **Cookout**

Linger a little longer and join us for our annual cookout following worship service on **May 29**. Master Grill Chef Mike will serve up one of his tasty BBQ specials, and you don't want to miss it. You may sign up to bring a salad or dessert, enough to feed eight people. The signup sheet is located in the foyer, or you may wish to sign up online at www.cktvb.org. We look forward to a good turnout.

➤ **Men's Pancake Breakfast**

Men, please plan to join us for a pancake breakfast on **June 4 at 8:30 a.m.**

➤ **Women's Get-Together**

If you have been a part of Women's Bible study, or even if you have not, you are invited to a get-together to pray, chat, fellowship and eat. We will meet at the church on **June 9 at noon** to share a salad luncheon. Each lady is asked to bring a salad of any variety and the recipe, if you'd like. Pastor Seth has agreed to join us to answer questions we may have from the last two studies on Judges and Heaven. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP Bev at bellbevera@gmail.com. We look forward to getting together and getting to know one another even better!

➤ **Meals for Vinnie & Di Dobos**

Beginning May 25, we will be providing meals for Vinnie and Di Dobos as Di recovers from surgery. If you would like to bless them in this way, please sign up at TakeThemAMeal.com. The passcode is 1944.

➤ **Volunteer Schedule**

We'll be putting together the volunteer schedule for June through August. Please email Minda Templeton (minda@cktvb.org) or sign up in the church foyer if you would like to be added to the schedule or if you know specific weeks you will be out of town through the summer. Thank you!

➤ **Men's Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time**

Men, we invite you to Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time on **Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.** and C.J. Cannon's. We will be taking a break during the summer. Our last gathering will be this Wednesday, May 25.