



# *Sebastian United Methodist Church*



Rev. John Gill

Series: The Unfinished Business of Easter

#5: The Unexpected Grace of the Empty Tomb  
*John 21:1-19*

May 10, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m. Live Stream on Facebook  
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**Our Mission:**

*We commit to living out the Truth of the Gospel  
through Spirit-filled worship and study,  
faithful fellowship and loving service,  
and to impact our world as followers of Christ sharing the Gospel.*

**Our Vision:**

*A community of faith connecting and growing in Christ,  
transforming the world.*

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# Welcome to Worship

Welcome

Rev. John Gill

Opening Voluntary

Megan Mash, MSM

**\*Call to Worship**

*In the night and in the morning,*

**We will come to you**

*Full of sadness, tired and hungry,*

**We will come to you**

*Lost and puzzled, glad and hopeful,*

**We will come to you**

*You welcome us and feed us*

**You question us with love**

*Take our hands in your hands*

**You know that we love you**

*Wrap our lives in your life*

**You know that we trust you**

*Call our names in friendship*

**You know what we will follow you**

*Risen Lord*

**Send us out in justice and joy**

by Ruth Burgess (from *Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday*)

**\*Hymn PP**

“Fishermen Are Sailing Homeward”

HYMN TO JOY

**\*Psalter**

Psalms 30

*I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.*

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.**

*O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,*

**Restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.**

*Sing praises to the Lord, O his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.*

**Surely the Lord’s anger is but for a moment; the Lord’s favor is for a lifetime.**

*Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

**As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**

*By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;*

**You hid your face I was dismayed.**

*To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:*

**“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?**

*Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?*

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!”**

*You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness, that my soul may praise you and not be silent.*

**O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Sue Shepper

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 5:1-11

**Anthem**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

by Austin Lovelace

**Reading From the Holy Gospel**

John 21:1-19

**Message**

#5:: The Unexpected Grace of the Empty Tomb

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**Video**

LOL Youth

**Wide Spectrum of Motherhood**

**Prayers for the Community and Holy Communion**

**Holy Communion**

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

**\*Hymn 396**

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

**Benediction**

**Congregational Response**

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

**Closing Voluntary**

“Fishermen Are Sailing Homeward”

Herman G. Stuempfle

Fishermen are sailing homeward  
In the dawn’s uncertain light.  
Nets are empty, hearts discouraged  
From a long and futile night.  
Charcoal glows along the shoreline  
Where a Stranger’s form is seen.  
Through the morning mist he calls them:  
“Cast your empty nets again.”

Risen Jesus, still you meet us  
When our labor seems in vain.  
Still your call contests our failures:  
“Cast your empty nets again!”  
Grant us strength to do your bidding,  
Faith to follow where you lead.  
Then awake our hearts to wonder  
When your gifts our hopes exceed!

Stumbling Peter, who denied him,  
Meets his Lord upon the shore.  
“Do you love me,” Jesus asks him,  
“You whose heart with shame is sore?”  
Peter pledges his devotion,  
Vows his love is strong and deep;  
Then the Lord of Love restores him:  
“Be my shepherd; feed my sheep!”

Risen Jesus, in your mercy,  
Still you call us each by name.  
In baptismal waters wash us,  
Cleansing us from sin and shame.  
Still you summon us to serve you,  
Vessels made of common clay.  
Shape us till we bear your image  
In the tasks of each new day!

## Sunday Worship Prayer Concerns

Kathi Schwomeyer  
Johnny Ayling  
James Albee  
Richard Anderson  
Robert  
Pat Carey  
Pat Mays  
Cariann  
Bill Peterson  
Dick Rickert  
Prayers for all affected with the coronavirus all  
over the world  
Residents and staff of Pelican Gardens

### **Pray for the Homebound and those in Assisted Living**

Minnie Hungerford, Janice & Ed Ertel, June  
Crain, Carmen Wilson

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Marlene Kalsch  
Jane Hino  
Pat Banta  
Enid Wible  
Sam Roper  
Ana Castro  
Catherine Gray  
Don Ballard  
Jim Schwomeyer  
Mary Lou Rothfuss  
Al Conniff  
Sheri Peterson  
Ray Royall  
Mary Jo Barton  
Lloyd Thomas  
Pauline Adams  
Sean Cousins

### **Pray for Our Men and Women In the Military**

Amn. Justin Tuck, (USN), Major Eric Killoran  
(Army), Lt. Jeremy Venske (USN), MSgt. David  
Schumacher (USAF), SPC Nicholas Davis

**Send prayer requests to Pastor John Gill at [john.gill@sebastianumc.com](mailto:john.gill@sebastianumc.com)  
Send your email to Pastor John  
before 9 pm Saturdays to be included in Sunday's prayer concerns**

#### CONGREGATIONAL NOTICE:

As we move forward in our consideration of the possibility of constructing a new building addition to our Thrift Shop, we must follow certain Disciplinary steps. One step is to create and elect a "Study Group" that will be tasked with preparing a report and proposal to present to the entire congregations through a "Church Conference" (where all full members have a vote), at some point in the future (probably this fall or winter). We have a group that is working on this already, so we need to officially anoint them our "Study Group" and "elect" their members. To do accomplish this, before the beginning of our monthly Administrative Council meeting Monday, May 18 (7:00 p.m. - perhaps on Zoom), Pastor John will convene the Council as a "Charge Conference" (where only those leaders have a vote) for the purpose of creating our "Study Group" and officially electing members to it. We are required to announce a Church or Charge Conference at least three Sundays before the scheduled Conference