

Service of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019 9:30 AM

*Please rise as able

-- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude arranged by Gary Smoke

“Bunessan”

The Light of God Enters

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us gather in the presence of the Alpha and Omega, who is and who was and who is to come.

People: Let us give thanks for all that was, let us celebrate all that is, and let us imagine all that will be.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 664

“Morning Has Broken”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, your spirit is a wind of change, but we would recast it as a gentle breeze. Your call is to the edges of the world, but we would confine it to the comfortable places. Your will is to free the chains of injustice, but we would keep them on rather than disturb the peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Fill our hearts with songs of faith, and give us the voice to sing them. Hear our prayers this day...

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven and refreshed and empowered to celebrate the new beginning we have been given.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Response

*Passing of the Peace

-- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn Grove Sings Praise No. 20

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Prayer for Understanding

New Testament Lesson (page 136) Acts 16:16-34

Gospel Lesson (page 111) John 17:20-26

Reflection “United As One”

Musical Offering by

“Mighty to Save”

Ev’ryone needs compassion, love that’s never failing; let mercy fall on me.

Ev’ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour; the hope of nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save,

He is mighty to save, forever Author of salvation,

He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.

I give my life to follow ev’rything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We’re singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

-- Responding to the Word --

Nicene Creed Hymnal pg. 34

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Hymnal Pg. 35

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offertory

*Doxology Hymnal No. 606

*Invitation

Communion Prayer

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Breaking of Bread Communion of the People

(Please hold the bread so that we may partake together;

drink of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, for the gifts you give us: for the bread of our being loved, for the wine of our joy, for our life together. And now having been refreshed at this table, may we be bread and wine for each other and for your world. Amen.

*Hymn

Hymnal No. 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*Commission

Let us go forth into the world in peace: be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people. Let us love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit...

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction – *sung by the Congregation* Hymnal No. 306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

verses 1 & 2

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Postlude

by J. S. Bach

“He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him”



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Participants in today's service: Elizabeth Henning (worship leader), Rob Cooney (children's sermon), Eric Deeter (musical offering), Stephanie Smith Cooney and Michael Dugan (offertory), Foster and Adelay Cooney (Junior Deacons), Pam Franklin and Jen Henning (Deacons), Mary Ellen Doll, Amanda Leicht, Steve Lewis, Stephanie Smith Cooney, and Maribeth Vernon (Communion Elders), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection).
Next week's reflection by Rev. Sally Dries: *"Spirit Power."*

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