



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021

Prayer of Meditation before Worship

You call us to be one people, O God, as you created us. Raise us above our divisions and help us to see our common bond in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude *“The Lord’s Prayer with Rachmaninoff” (arr. H. Kim)*

Introit

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**

L: There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Creator of us all who is above all, in all and through all.

M: **So we may all be one, even as God is one with Christ.**

L: Sing to the Lord; bless his Holy Name; tell of God’s salvation from day to day.

M: **Declare God’s glory among the nations;
and God’s marvelous works among all people.**

L: For great is the Lord!

M: **And greatly to be praised!**

L: Let us Worship the Lord our God!

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus prayed for his disciples, sending them into the world to live the Good News. Help us to take you at your word so that our hearts may not be troubled and afraid.

Gracious God, forgive us that we take upon our lips the name of him who lived purely, believed deeply and adventured bravely and triumphed victoriously; and yet we shut out his spirit, we cultivate division, hurt people, half-believe your Gospel, seek security and acceptance over the proclaiming of your love, and look for satisfaction in owning material things rather than in the Realm of your Christ.

Cleanse us, O God, and help us with every good intention in the knowledge that all things are possible with you who saves us from all sin through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

**P: Hear the Good News! In the time of need, the Lord comes to us, assuring us that we who are in Christ Jesus are no longer bound in sin or in guilt, but are freed to live in newness of life.
Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!**

M: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, now and forever! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**Glory 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.**

Scripture Lesson

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Anthem

"In My Father's House"

(Lani Smith)

(Grant Peck ~ soloist)

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
In my Father's house are many mansions.
If it were not so I would have told you;
I go to prepare a place for you.
These are the words He spoke in love to you and me.
This is the promise He made, from death to set us free.
He said that He would come again And with Him we would go,
And where He went and the way He went,
We would surely know.*

*These are the words He spoke to help us find our way.
This is the bond that He gave to hold us through the day.
The thoughts He shares with us this night shall evermore remain, to comfort us, and
to guide us on, and our hope sustain.*

Scripture Lesson

From the Letters to the Church: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God^[a] have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

Our lives have been so richly blessed that we often take our heritage for granted. We look up to heaven, expecting increases as our due. How much more should our hearts be raised in thanksgiving and our hands outstretched, not to receive, but to share! What a privilege and joy it is to return a portion of all we have received.

Offertory

“The Lord’s Prayer” (Lee Dengler)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and
the glory, for ever and ever, amen.

Scripture Lesson

From the Gospels: John 17:6-21b

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that^[a] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,^[b] so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.^[c] ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the

world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.^[d] ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[e] so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Sermon "In the World, Not of It" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Hymn "Praise The One Who Breaks the Darkness"
(see next page)

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude "*Prelude and Fugue in F*" (*J.K.F. Fischer*)

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light.
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word.
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate; Christ, who suf - fered in our place.

Praise the One who frees the pris - oners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.