



# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

*Christ Revealed - The Journey Continues*

## Living by Faith

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who were examples of faith to the Gentiles.*

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

– arr. Wold

Announcements

Call to Worship

Holy Risen One,  
we gather this day and we come as we are:  
with what faith we have,  
yet yearning to know you more.  
Accept all we bring forward to you today.  
Accept our worship, we pray.

Opening Song

**Blessed Assurance**

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**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain*

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.** *Refrain*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.** *Refrain*

## Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Risen Lord,

**We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.**

Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Prayer of Day

Merciful God, we cannot save ourselves through our own actions, only through your grace, freely offered. Yet keep us faithful to the lives we have chosen and make us examples that others might see and come to believe in you, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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## *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song*

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*Paul demanded integrity and honesty from Jewish Christians, who were examples of faith to the Gentiles. But their adherence to the laws wouldn't take away from the saving work of Jesus Christ.*

### Invitation to the Word

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

### Scripture Reading

Galatians 2:11-21

<sup>11</sup>But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; <sup>12</sup>for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. <sup>13</sup>And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" <sup>15</sup>We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

# Message

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole,  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.

God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lead us in lives of integrity that reflect our commitment to you and your gospel, and do not allow us to become reason for others to stumble in their faith.

*Prayer petitions response*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions offered.*

Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

# Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

# Abundant Living Gratitude Moment

- Sound/Video Technology

# Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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# Blessing

May the message of the women who found the tomb empty, bless you with the death transforming love of our living Savior, Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# Song

**Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see**

**Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed**

*Chorus*

**My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures**

*Chorus*

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine**

## Sending

Be amazed! The tomb is empty! Christ is risen!

Go and share this good news.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Postlude

*"Fantasy Toccata on the Lord's My Shepherd"*

*– Harbach*





## Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Prelude/Postlude: Jordan Ortman
- Assisting Minister: Denise Ikenberry
- Liturgy leaders: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues, Cutter Nunley, Bryan Bennett, Susan Scott, Kathy Irwin
- Opening Song: Chancel Choir – Directed by Dave Gleason  
Susie DiPaolo, Barb Hessel, Brenda Gleason, Denise Ikenberry, Linda TeKrony, Amy Evancheck, Mike Madsen, Ron Skabo, Larry Bradsby, Scott Ikenberry, Dave Gleason, John Reed
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