

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
11:00 a.m. May 21, 2023

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Life in the Community

\*Hymn 619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

\*Expressing Our Joy Reece Humphreys

*Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.*

**People: We choose the living God.**

*Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.*

**People: We will walk the way of Christ.**

*Leader: Faith is not about holding on.*

**People: Faith is about letting go.**

*Leader: We offer more than words, O God.*

**People: We offer you our lives.**

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray.* (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

***Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.***

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

\*Hymn 686 *God of Our Life* SANDON

Joel 2:27a, 28 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 799 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Douglas Wagner

Acts 1:1-5 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 110 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon *God's Truth Breaking In* The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Ordination and Installation

\*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and *Gloria Patri* (No. 581)

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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\*At the Presentation *Doxology* (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

\*Hymn 697 *Take My Life* (vv. 1, 2, 5,& 6) HENDON

\*Benediction

\*Going Out into the World

\*Those that are able, please stand.