

5th Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Sing Praise to God
Father, We Praise You

Smith
Kendall

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship**

Jim Fox

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.
Let us worship the Triune God.

 **Invocation**

Jim Fox

Our Father,
you are in heaven, high and lifted up,
higher than our highest thoughts.
Holy is your name;
beside you there is no other!
You are God, and you alone!
Receive us into your kingdom—the coming kingdom—
the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear.
Receive us, for we come to you in his name—
we pray in him and with him.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 268**

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

God, our Father, we adore thee! We, Thy children, bless Thy name!
Chosen in the Christ before Thee, We are "holy without blame."
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!
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Son Eternal, we adore Thee! Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee, Thou hast brought Thy people nigh!
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Son of God, who came to die!
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*Holy Spirit, we adore Thee! Paraclete and heav'nly guest!
Sent from God and from the Savior, Thou hast led us into rest.
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! By Thy grace forever blest:
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! By Thy grace forever blest!*

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—Three in One! We give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit, Heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Thee we bless, thro' endless days!
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Thee we bless, thro' endless days!
A-men!*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Jim Fox

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 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. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

*God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.*

*Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
Your protector never slumbers;
At the will of your defender
Ev'ry foe man must surrender.*

*Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 6:5-13
Romans 8:12-17*

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children,

then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Sermon

*“Resurrected Future”
Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding
We respond to God's Word**

! Hymn 58

This is My Father's World

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Makers praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.*

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Prayer of Consecration

Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

People: **We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary, and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 25

Immortal, Invisible

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious—Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest—to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest—the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render—O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!
A-men.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

The Call of the Trumpets

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