

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022**

**Gathering**  
*God invites us to enter His presence*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)



**Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

*Hob Pusey*

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
**let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**  
for he is our God  
**and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.**



**Invocation**

*Hob Pusey*

God of grace,  
you have given us minds to know you,  
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.  
Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may celebrate your glory  
and worship you in spirit and in truth  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



**Hymn 1**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**Confessing**  
*God invites us to be honest with Him*

**Prayer of Confession** (*Responsively*)

*Hob Pusey*

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,  
**yet too often we practice pride.**  
You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,  
**yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about  
our cities.**  
You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,  
**yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.**  
You freely forgave and healed,  
**yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.**  
You lived a perfectly holy life,  
**yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.**

You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,  
**yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.**

You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,  
**yet too often we deny you.**

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,  
**yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.**

**Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.**

### Time for Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

*Hob Pusey*

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### Gloria Patri

*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.  
A-men, A-men.*

#### Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

#### Minute for Mission

*William Teate – Glad Tidings India*

**Invitation**      How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

#### Offering

#### Offertory

*How Beautiful*

*Twila Paris*

#### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

## Prayer of Dedication

Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

## Hymn 349

*Trust and Obey*

### Proclaiming *God speaks to us through His Word*

#### Children's Sermon

*If you Love Me*

*Susan Obenschain*

#### Scripture Reading

*Matthew 19:16-26*

<sup>16</sup> Just then someone came up and asked him, "Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?"

<sup>17</sup> "Why do you ask me about what is good?" he said to him. "There is only one who is good. If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

<sup>18</sup> "Which ones?" he asked him.

Jesus answered: **Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness;** <sup>19</sup> **honor your father and your mother; and love your neighbor as yourself.**

<sup>20</sup> "I have kept all these," the young man told him. "What do I still lack?"

<sup>21</sup> "If you want to be perfect,<sup>1</sup> Jesus said to him, "go, sell your belongings and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard that, he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were utterly astonished and asked, "Then who can be saved?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

#### Sermon

*"Obedience"*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding  
*We respond to God's Word*

! Hymn 379

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

! Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning  
*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

! Hymn

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

*Jesus I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee  
Destitute, despised, forsaken  
Thou from hence my all shalt be  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known  
Yet how rich is my condition,  
God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me  
They have left my savior too  
Human hearts and looks deceive me,  
Thou art not like them untrue  
Oh while thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love and might  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show thy face and all is bright.*

*Man they trouble and distress me,  
Twill but drive me to thy breast  
Life with trials hard may press me,  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest  
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me,  
While thy love is left to me  
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with thee.*

*Go then earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In thy service pain is pleasure,  
With thy favor loss is gain  
I have called thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on thee  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather,  
All must work for good to me.*

*Soul then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide thee there  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are  
Carolyn Thompson and Don Titus*

 **Postlude**