

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Online Worship Bulletin

May 17, 2020

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Look for God in your place.

**We search for God's love and peace.**

It is here, given for you out of God's absolute love for you.

**Lord, help us receive that love and then to bring it to others.**

Peace be to you all.

**And also to you.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do.

**Amen.**

### HYMN

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

by: Isaac Watts

***I sing the almighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.***

***I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!***

***There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes thy glories known,***

*and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.*

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us.*

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Even in the midst of doubt and darkness, the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you. Out of God's great love, you have been redeemed and made whole. Rejoice, beloved of God!

*We are grateful for God's amazing love for us and for all people. Amen.*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      1 Peter 3:13-22

**SERMON**                                      *A Lifeboat*

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*This is the gospel which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.*

*We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.  
Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.*

### DEDICATION OF OFFERING

**HYMN**      *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

by: Isaac Watts

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.*

*Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen*

## **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Today's written prayers are Nancy C. Townley for the *ministrymatters.com* website. The painting on the thumbnail for today's online link is *The Animals Enter the Ark*, by Kaspar Memberger and was painted in 1588.