

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Online Worship Bulletin

May 24, 2020

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us everything

God has given us new life in Christ.

God has called us to be one in Christ

Jesus calls upon us to love one another as God loves us.

Jesus laid down his life for us

And so we are called to lay down our lives for one another.

Come, let us worship our God

Let us follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,

through Jesus Christ,

you revealed to us a power

that has no parallel.

May the eyes of our heart

be enlightened to this power

and all it has done in our lives.

Pour out your Spirit of power upon us,

that we may proclaim your glory

and your grace.

Amen.

HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* by: Perronet, Rippon & Holden

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Bring Forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all!

*Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!*

*O that with sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we often insist on our own way. We make assumptions and judgments that harm some and exclude others. We turn away from our neighbor without knowing who our neighbor is. Forgive us for our selfish ways, and call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to question our assumptions, to reserve judgment, and to err on the side of inclusion, as Jesus laid down his life for all of us. In Christ's name we pray and seek forgiveness.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are not overlooked. We are sought after, we are searched for. God does not allow us to go missing or forgotten. God pursues us until we know God's love and grace. Know that you are important, valued and loved. You are forgiven. You are restored.

May we be renewed by God's Spirit. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

SERMON

Finding the Power Within Us

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

Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

by: Williams & Hughes

*Guide me, O Thou great *Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,*

*Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Today's written prayers are Mindi Welton-Mitchell for her *rev-o-lution.org* website.
The Opening prayers is by Brian Schnieder-Thomas for the *ministrymatters.com* website.