Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

9:00 a.m.

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Welcome, friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

### Our Approach to God

Prelude Menuett ("Der Wachtelschlag") and Menuett (Allegretto) F.J. Haydn from *Flötenuhrstücke* 

The Call to Worship

Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

# Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven – Jesus, the Son of God – let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! All blessing, glory, wisdom, honor, and power be to our God! Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia!

\*The Hymn of Praise "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

\*The Call to Confession

Knowing that we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.

#### \*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have followed the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and free us from sin, that we may be your faithful people. [Silent Confession.]

Lord, empower us with your Holy Spirit that we may be your witnesses in the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### \*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.** 

*The Response	"Alleluia!" Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	GTG Hymnal 587
The Special Music	"A Firm Foundation" Ruth Estell, violin	arr. David Ritter
The Mission Moment	River Jordan Inc.	Aland Stamps
The Word of God		
The Time with the Children		
The Gospel Reading	John 17:1-11	page 148 NT
The New Testament Reading Acts 1:1-14 page 157 NT		
The Sermon		Rev. Ruth Estell
Our Response to Serve		
*The Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)	page 14
*The Hymn	"Let Every Christian Pray"	130
The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins) 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and		

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts The Offertory  \*The Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GTG hymnal 609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

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\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude "Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn," BWV 630 J.S. Bach

(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able

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Liturgist: Billie Bauer Greeter: Karen Kalina Ushers: Wally & Anne Schmidt Fellowship Hour:

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