

10:00 WORSHIP/SENIOR RECOGNITION/MOTHER'S DAY/NOISY CHANGE  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 14, 2023

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Please stand**

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Opening Hymn**

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

BOB 86

**Senior Recognition**—Emma DeJong, Ben Kasuske, Jersey Peschong, Thea Varpness

By Council President—Gene Vostad

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 27:1-5**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

**C: whom shall I fear?**

P: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

**C: of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: When evildoers assail me

**C: to eat up my flesh,**

P: my adversaries and foes,

**C: it is they who stumble and fall.**

P: Though an army encamp against me,

**C: my heart shall not fear;**

P: though war arise against me,

**C: yet I will be confident.**

P: One thing have I asked of the LORD,

**C: that will I seek after:**

P: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

**C: all the days of my life,**

P: to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD

**C: and to inquire in his temple.**

P: For he will hide me in his shelter

**C: in the day of trouble;**

P: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

**C: he will lift me high upon a rock.**

**Prayer of the Day** *“O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen*

**Praise Song**

*“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”*

BOB 116

**Children’s Bells & Message**

*“Feed My Lambs”*

BOB 55

chorus only

**First Reading: Acts 17:16-31**

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbling trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

**Please stand**  
**Verse**

*“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 14th chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn**

**Please stand**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**Offering Hymn**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Please stand**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*“Beautiful Savior”*

LBW 518

p. 65

*“We Give Thee but Thine Own”* vs. 1,2

LBW 410

p. 71

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

LBW 530

P: He is Risen!

**C: He is Risen Indeed!**

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer

Lector: Sue DeJong



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