

# White Memorial Presbyterian Church

## The Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color – White

May 24, 2020

10:30 AM

### The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation: *Delivering God, you have safely brought me to this new day. Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen my focus as I seek to follow Christ and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Ps. 68:1–10, 32–35*

**One:** Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

**All:** **Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

**One:** Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

**All:** **From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

**One:** Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

**All:** **Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Hymn:

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

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Prayer of Adoration

### Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*1 Pet. 5:7*

Prayer of Confession

**All:** **Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.** *(Please observe a moment of silent confession).*

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Pet. 4:14; 5:6–10

One: Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

A Time with Young Disciples

## Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination:

**All: Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God, bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon:

"On Behalf of You"

Rev. Ed Johnson

## Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of faith

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Hymn of Response:

*At the Name of Jesus*

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## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

One: Redeeming God, you call us to devote ourselves constantly to prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us offer our prayers this day on behalf of your church and the world, saying, fill us with your Spirit's power, that we may be one with Christ, as Christ is one with you. Rescuing God, parent of orphans and protector of widows, you give the desolate a home to live in and lead out the prisoners into prosperity. Help us to order the patterns of our common life to support the health of your human family and the welfare of your world. Fill us with your Spirit's power,

**All: that we may be one with Christ, as Christ is one with you.**

One: Steadfast God, you have given to your church the inheritance of faith in Christ alone, and bestowed your Spirit's love upon us to make us one in you.

Help us to grow in strength and courage to witness to this hope: that all may find your saving love eternally in Christ. Fill us with your Spirit's power,

**All: that we may be one with Christ, as Christ is one with you.**

One: Life-giving God, you send rain in abundance to relieve the parched crops and thirsty land, and make clean the winds of heaven. Help us to find sustainable solutions as we seek to honor and care for the well-being of your creation. Fill us with your Spirit's power,

**All: that we may be one with Christ, as Christ is one with you.**

One: Loving God, you heard the sufferings of your people, listened to our cries, and sent a Son into our world that was no stranger to our pain. Help us to offer your healing and compassion as we minister to others in the mercy of your Christ. Fill us with your Spirit's power,

**All: that we may be one with Christ, as Christ is one with you.**

One: Resurrecting God, you draw near to those who are sick and dying, and you call them home to you. May we all know the joy of life eternal shared with you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. O gracious One, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit make us witnesses to the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, through whom we have been taught to pray, when gathered together, 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.

### Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

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The Charge and Benediction

*1 Pet. 5:7-10*

Postlude