

Jesse Lee United Methodist Church
May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**You are invited to stand as you are able and willing.*

"Wait to be clothed with power from on high. The one who ascended will come to us again, bringing new life and new hope. Acts 1, Luke 24

Prelude **"America the Beautiful"** **by Samuel A. Ward**

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Clap your hands, people of God.

*P: **Shout to God with cries of joy.***

L: Look to the heavens, brothers and sisters in Christ.

*P: **Witness the power of our God.***

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***Opening Hymn:** **"Blessed Assurance"** **UMH #369**

Opening Prayer (In unison)

God of mystery, part the veil that keeps us from seeing your full glory and might. Open our eyes to behold the risen Christ, who ascended to you in glory. Open our hearts this day, that our spirits may ascend to you as he ascended that day. Focus our thoughts on the power of your salvation, that we may move beyond the mundane to contemplate mysteries and wonder worthy of our meditations. May we be found worthy of your great gifts, and may we be clothed with your power on high. Amen.

Prayers of the Christ's Church for Others and Ourselves

(Sharing Our Joys and Concerns)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Children's Time **"Jesus Loves Me"** **UMH#191**

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem **"In Flanders Fields"** **Words by Dr. John McCrae**
Music by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 97

New Testament Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 17:20-26

Message: **"Show Us the Way"** **Pastor Fern Blair Hart**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn:** **"Lift High the Cross"** **UMH #159**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, raise our sights and our hopes. Even as we yearn for your glorious inheritance, we settle for so much less. Even as we long to behold the extraordinary, we keep our eyes fixed on the ground. Even as we hope to inherit your glorious kingdom, we keep our hearts attuned to earthly power. Even as we desire to rest in the arms of your love, we

listen to voices that sow discord. May your Holy Spirit find us ready when the one who ascended on high returns to his own. Amen.

+Exchange of Signs of the Peace of the Risen Christ

Christ offers his glorious inheritance among the saints. Rest in this blessed assurance, as we share signs of the peace of Christ with one another.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to the Glory of God

Offertory **"Onward, Christian Soldiers"**

Words by Sabine Baring-Gould 1864, Music by Arthur S. Sullivan. 1871

+Doxology. **"Glory Be To the Father"** **UMH#71**

Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

Your power and might, O God, bring forth our worship and praise. Your love and mercy, Compassionate One, call forth our gratefulness and thanksgiving. In appreciation for your blessing in our lives, we offer you these gifts from our hearts, this fruit from our industry. Receive them, we pray, in the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that our lives here on earth might be filled with your Spirit. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn:** **"Shine Jesus Shine"** **TFWS#2173**

Benediction

Postlude "Battle Hymn of the Republic", American Camp Meeting Tune

**Lections for June 5, 2022: Acts 2:21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)**

"Altar flowers are given in celebration of John and Suzanne Herlihy's 40th wedding anniversary."

After our Church service, the congregation is invited to our coffee fellowship!

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