## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 17, 2015

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

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# The Approach to God

PRELUDE "Alleluia! Lord, I Love You" [Antiphonal]

#### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

### **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

"Praise You"

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Philippians 2)

Jesus always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to become equal with God.

Instead, of his own free will, Jesus gave up all he had and took the nature of a servant. He became a man.

Jesus was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death – his death on the cross.

For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name.

And so, in honor of the name of Jesus all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees:

And all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #213

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

### \*SALUTATION

### ASCENSION SUNDAY PRAYER

(unison)

O loving, ascended Lord Jesus: on your cross you gave us assurance of your victory in saying, "It is finished!" At your ascension you commanded us, to live out that victory in teaching and baptizing all peoples. Intercede for us that in the power of your Spirit we may obey your command. Grant that our witness to those among whom you have placed us may be in selfless thought, gracious word, and caring deed, in faithful anticipation that we shall enter your eternal kingdom together. To

you belong all glory and praise and honor with God and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

### **CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE**

"O come let us adore Him [3x] Christ the Lord.
We'll praise His Name forever.
We'll give Him all the glory.
For He, alone is worthy.

Father [Jesus, Spirit] I adore You. Lay my life before You.

How I love You

I have decided to follow Jesus [3x]
No turning back, no turning back.
The world behind me, the cross before me......
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow.......
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?....."

# **The Word of God**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 8:27-34; 9:21-24 (Pg 34 Old Testament)

\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

\*HYMN #293 "Take Up Thy Cross"

SERMON "Believe Is a Verb"

# Our Response to God

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS** 

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"In my life, Lord, be glorified, be gloried.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my home... in Your church ....... In my life....."

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

### \*CLOSING HYMN #365

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

#### \*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"Praise You"

Reprise

### \*POSTLUDE

\*The congregation may stand.

## **TODAY'S STEWARDS**

<u>Greeters</u>: Walt & Lucy Paradies <u>Ushers</u>: Jeff & Jane DeWitt Fellowship: Luncheon

Next week's stewards (May 24):

Greeter: Heidi Wilson

<u>Ushers</u>: Pete & Barbara Nickel <u>Fellowship</u>: Jeff & Jane DeWitt

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Just a reminder that this Friday, May 22nd, is our church's regularly scheduled day for delivery of meals. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Dey.

# THE RECORD WE WROTE: APRIL 2015

April 12 Mo Avg

Income: \$14,362 \$15,701 Expense: \$18,483\* \$17,248

\*Mortgage is Interest Only

## FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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