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“From the Cosmic to One Man's Witness”



***Rev. Madeleine Patterson
Sunday, April 27, 2025
10:30 AM Divine Worship***

ORDER OF WORSHIP
APRIL 27, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

***is the invitation for worshipers to rise in body or in spirit.**

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements and Stilling Silence

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

VOTUM, SENTENCES, SALUTATION

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Living God for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP from Ps 150 - Praise for God's surpassing greatness

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

People: Praise him in his mighty firmament!

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

People: Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound;

People: Praise him with lute and harp!

Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dance;

People: Praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with clanging cymbals;

People: Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

***Opening Hymn:** *"We Praise You, O God"*

RED #560

Call to Remember and Confess

Prayer of Confession:

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. Together let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Lord: You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me and send me out as your usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your Cross.

Personal Silent Confession

Words of Reassurance:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. So rejoice, for we are God's beloved and forgiven people! Believe this good news, and go forth to live in peace. Amen

***Gloria:** *"Celtic Alleluia"*

RED #198

*Christ has died, Christ has risen: Alleluia!
We lift our hearts to the Lord in song: Alleluia!
With Jesus, we have died to self: Alleluia!
With Jesus, we are raised to new life: Alleluia!
Nothing can separate us from God's love: Alleluia!
Where, O death, is your sting? Alleluia!
Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift! Alleluia*

***Passing of The Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

L: Share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!

THE WORD OF GOD

Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

Scriptures: John 20:19-31 (see page 7)

Sermon: *“From the Cosmic to One Man's Witness”* Rev. Madeleine Patterson

Hymn of Mediation: *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* RED #747

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Call to Self– Offering

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

***Doxology:** *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Blessed are you, God of all Creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Gathering of Joys & Concerns

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in his Name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for the world. (silent prayer)

God our creator, you made all things in your wisdom and in your love you save us. We pray for the whole creation. Overthrow evil powers, right what is wrong, feed and satisfy those who thirst for justice, so that all your children may freely enjoy the earth you have made and joyfully sing your praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

Let us pray for the church. (silent prayer)

Gracious God, you have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ. Keep us in faith and service, breaking bread together, and proclaiming the good news to the world, that all may believe you are love, turn to your ways and live in the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for peace (silent prayer)

Eternal God, you sent us a Savior, Christ Jesus, to break down the walls of hostility that divide us. Send peace on earth, and put down greed, pride and anger, which turn nation against nation and race against race. Speed the day when wars will end and the whole world accepts your rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for enemies (silent prayer)

O God, we cannot love unless we love our neighbors, remove hate and prejudice from us and from all people, so that your children may be reconciled with those we fear, resent or threaten; and live together in your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who govern us (silent prayer)

Mighty God, sovereign over the nations, direct those who make, administer and judge our laws; the President of the United States and others in authority among us, that, guided by your wisdom, they may lead us in the way of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for world leaders (silent prayer)

Eternal Ruler, hope of all the earth, give vision to those who serve the United Nations and to those who govern all countries; that, with goodwill and justice, they may take down barriers and draw together one new world in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for the sick (silent prayer)

Merciful God, you bear the pain of the world. Look with compassion on those who are sick, (especially _____), cheer them by your word and bring healing as a sign of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who sorrow (silent prayer)

God of comfort, stand with those who grieve that they may be sure that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall separate them from your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for our families and friends. (silent prayer)

God of compassion, bless us and those we love, our friends and families; that drawing close to you, we may be drawn closer to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God of all generations, we praise you for all your servants who, having been faithful to you on earth now live with you in heaven. Keep us in fellowship with them until we meet with all your children in the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth; through Jesus Christ who rules over all things. **Amen**

For it was Jesus Christ himself who taught us to pray:

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

***Closing Hymn:** *"He is King of Kings"*

RED #222

***Benediction and Charge:**

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God, the Father, the Risen Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude

Today's liturgical color is **White** for *Second Sunday of Easter*

John 20:19-31
(NRSVUE)

Let us make ready for the Word of God as Christ comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 27, 2025

DEACONS FUND

Our next monthly Deacon's Fund offering will be May 18, 2025. This offering helps our church serve the needs of our community in times of crisis. Please consider giving to this important fund.

OFFICE HOURS

Effective April 28, 2025, the office hours are as follows:

Tuesdays by appointment only. Please email Pastor@sixmilerun.org.
Thursdays 10:00am to 4:00pm

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be so filled by the spirit of God that we obey God's revealed will in the Holy Scriptures, especially in the Gospel of Jesus Christ; loving one another, stewarding the resources God has given us and seeking to be transformed into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, being his hands, feet and voice in the communities in which we live and work.

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