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**May 21, 2023**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Promotion Sunday**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

Prelude            “Prelude on a Southern Folk Tune”            Young

### **Prayer of Preparation** *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

*Dear Lord, tomorrow let me pray to you without words and images. Let my prayer to you be the living of my life in the knowledge and awareness of your constant presence, love, forgiveness, mercy, healing. And by so living, let my life itself become a prayer to you, without the need for words or images. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – Psalm 68:4-9**

- L: Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.
- P: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.**
- L: God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.
- P: When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,**
- L: the earth shook; the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
- P: You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.**

**\*Hymn            “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”            PH #150**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your**

love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time of silence for personal reflection.

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri      *“Glory Be to the Father”*      PH #579

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples      Bethany Edgecombe

New Testament Reading I      1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11

Gospel Reading      John 17:1-11

New Testament Reading II      Acts 1:6-14

Sermon      *“You Will Receive Power”*      Pastor Edgecombe

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn      *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”*      PH #144

## Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

## Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### Offering

Offertory

*"Minuet in C"*

Hayden

\*Doxology

PH #591

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn

*"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

PH #155

### \*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*"God is Ascended"*

Blake

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

WORSHIP LEADER:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

ORGANIST:

Emma Lou Denton

GREETER/USHER:

Chris Ford

LITURGIST:

Rebecca Rowe

***\*Please stand, if able***

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