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11 am



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Gethsemane

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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

WE LOVE FAMILIES! Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear the message of Jesus.

KID'S AREA: There is a kid's area available after the Children's Message. Have your children meet the workers in back after the lesson is over. You can pick them up in the fellowship hall after worship.

INFANT ROOM: Down the hallway, first door on the left, is an infant room with a live broadcast of the service.

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CONNECT WITH US: Please fill out the connection card located in the back of the pew in front of you with as much information as you feel comfortable. Thank you for worshipping with us.

FELLOWSHIP: Please join us for snacks and fellowship after the service. It's a great opportunity to get to know our family a little better (and for us to get to know you)!

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Opening Song

Holy, Holy, Holy
Sufjan Stevens

(please stand)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness ¹

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!** *(Psalm 119:97-99,103)*

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

(2 Timothy 3:16,17)

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" *(John 20:31)*. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

¹ 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us all our sins." So the Pastor assures our believing hearts of God's promise — forgiveness of sins.

Song of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy (Reprise)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people in to a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(be seated)

First Lesson

Jeremiah 10:6-10

- ⁶ No one is like you, LORD;
you are great,
and your name is mighty in power.
- ⁷ Who should not fear you,
King of the nations?
This is your due.
Among all the wise leaders of the nations
and in all their kingdoms,
there is no one like you.
- ⁸ They are all senseless and foolish;
they are taught by worthless wooden idols.
- ⁹ Hammered silver is brought from Tarshish
and gold from Uphaz.
What the craftsman and goldsmith have made
is then dressed in blue and purple—
all made by skilled workers.
- ¹⁰ But the LORD is the true God;
he is the living God, the eternal King.
When he is angry, the earth trembles;
the nations cannot endure his wrath.

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-44

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

CHILDREN'S LESSON



After the children's lesson, a kid's area is available.
Meet the workers in back, and they will take the kids to the playground.
You can pick them up at any time.

Song of the Day

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) Hillsong

**You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand**

**And I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
For I am yours and you are mine**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and you won't start now**

**So I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
For I am yours and you are mine**

(REPEAT 3X)

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever you would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior**

The Message

EYEWITNESS: Some Casual Fishermen

Mt. 26:32: He said, “After I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

Jn. 20:1-3a: Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.”

TRUTH:

Sometimes God calls us to _____.

Jn. 20:3b-7: So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”

TRUTH:

Jesus _____ even during the _____.

Jn. 20: 7-8: As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

Jn. 4:23: True worshippers worship in spirit and truth.

Romans 12:1: In view of God’s mercy, offers yourselves as living sacrifices. This is your spiritual act of worship.

TRUTH:

True Worship flows from beholding _____.

True Worship expresses itself in _____-ship.

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Jn. 20:9-14: When they landed, the disciples saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

TRUTH:

When God arrives, God _____.

We Confess Our Faith in God

The Apostles' Creed²

(please stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(be seated)



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² As we speak these words, we join with Christians throughout the centuries who have confessed the truths taught in Scripture with these words.

(please stand)

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

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 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
and the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Closing Prayer and Blessing

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen!**

(be seated)

Closing Song

Our God
Chris Tomlin

Water you turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you
None like you

Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you
None like you

REFRAIN

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God you are higher than any other
Our God is Healer
Awesome in Power.
Our God, Our God.

Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you
None like you.

REFRAIN (2x)

(Repeat 2x)
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?

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And if our God is for us
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Based on this Romans 8, this song points out that if resurrected Lord Jesus is on our side, then nothing can defeat us. As Paul writes, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:31,32)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jason Broome.

- **Garden Kids** is a great place for kids of all ages to learn more about their Savior. Sundays at 10am in the Early Childhood Center.
- **Growth Groups** are a great way to dig deeper into the past Sunday's sermon, connect with others and grow in faith. Sign up now at GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups to find a group near you.
- **Starting Point** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Check out GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups to sign up.
- **Sermon Archives.** Missed some of the sermons? Visit GatherToTheGarden.com/Messages for the sermon archive.

Thanks to those who served this week . . . May 19, 2019

9 am

Music: Linda Buzard

Ushers: Mark Warren, Dale Lucht

Kid's Area: Kaylee Campbell

Fellowship: Barb Meyers, Tamla Warren

11 am

Music: Jon Fricke

Ushers: Ben Shaffer, Joshua Schmidt

Kid's Area: Jenn & Taylor Tymkin

Fellowship: Paige Fricke,
Michelle Shaffer

Counters: Barb Lucht, Barbara Morats

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