

Order of Worship + May 17, 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: “O Sons and Daughters of the King” Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Pastor Ken

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

*Please take a few moments for silent reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Announcement of God’s Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of

the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn**

**LBW #478**

**Come, Oh, Come, O Quickening Spirit 478**

1 Come, oh, come, O quick - 'ning Spir - it, God be - fore the dawn of time!  
2 On - ly that which you de - sire . . Be our ob - ject; with your hand  
3 Bless - ed Spir - it, still re - new - ing All who dwell up - on the earth,  
4 Help us keep the faith for - ev - er; Let not Sa - tan, death, or shame

Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor, Bless - ed Com - fort - er sub - lime!  
Lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion, Let them be at your com - mand.  
When the e - vil one as - sails us Help us prove our heav'n - ly birth;  
Draw us from you or de - prive us Of the hon - or of your name.

Let your ra - dian - ce fill our night, Turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.  
All our sin - ful - ness e - rase With the in - crease of your grace.  
Arm us with your might - y sword In the le - gions of the Lord.  
When the foe would lure us hence, Be, O God, our sure de - fense.

**Salutation**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Lesson:

**Acts 17:16-34**

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbling trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” <sup>21</sup> (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) <sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup> When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.” <sup>33</sup> At that, Paul left the Council. <sup>34</sup> Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Praying the Psalms:**

**Psalm 66:8-20**

*Prayed responsively, with the congregation speaking the verses in **bold**.*

L: Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

**C: he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

L: For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

**C: You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.**

L: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

**C: I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you –**

L: vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

**C: I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.**

L: Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

**C: I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.**

L: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

**C: but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.**

L: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

**C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Second Lesson:**

## **1 Peter 3:13-22**

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits - <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

**“Scandalous Grace”**

**Kyle Jones**

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**Gospel Announcement**

**John 14:15-21**

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P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Megan Schatz**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Ken Nelson**

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Thy Holy Wings

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1 Thy ho - ly wings O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy child - ren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## **Nicene Creed**

A: Let us profess the faith of the Church with the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit. May your Spirit continually govern and direct your baptized children, that we might be obedient to your word, guarded from error and led into all truth.



A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of all true justice and mercy, send down on those who hold public office the spirit of wisdom, charity and justice, that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully work to promote the well being of all people.

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Bless all those who work to serve others, especially for health care workers in our nation and around the world. May you continue to sustain them with strength and compassion in their work as they care for the needs of others.

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Thank you Father for providing Calvary with such faithful Sunday School teachers. We ask for your continued blessing on them and their ministries as they bear witness to Christ and pass on the faith.

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Comfort those who are lonely, afflicted, sick or enduring trials of any kind. May your Spirit help and sustain them by strengthening their trust in your abiding presence. We especially pray for healing for Jane Taufner's friend Mary and for those we name before you now...

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

### **Peace of Christ**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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.**

### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

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Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are  
 dwell - ing; High in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly  
 ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; Hith - er we come to praise his name, Faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'na - bove Deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Weretwo or three to seek his face, He in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
 Grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 Many may come to hear God's Word  
 Where he this promise is bringing:  
 I know my own, my own know me;  
 You, not the world, my face shall see;  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen

## **Dismissal**

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**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Fanfare – Francis Alan Jackson, CBE*

## **Participants for Service Recording:**

**Presiding Minister:** Ken Nelson

**Substitute Organist:** David Bahrke

**Special Music:** Kyle Jones

**Assisting Minister:** Lynnae Douglas

**Lector:** Kyle Jones

**Children's Sermon:** Megan Schatz

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