

Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Order of Worship June 1, 2025 10:30 am **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

We Gather

Welcome

Lafferty Prelude Seek Ye First

*Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, Amen!

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,

mightier than the breakers of the sea - the Lord on high is mighty. Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;

holiness adorns your house for endless days. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Alleluia, Amen!

*Hymn #90 (Chalice)

Come, Christians Join to Sing

*Passing of the Peace

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

*Asterisk indicates please rise in body or spirit

Hymns

are chosen from the "black" New Century Hymnal or "blue" Chalice Hymnal located in the back of your pew.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

We Hear

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 (page 118)

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (page 192)

Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26 (page 111)

*Gospel Response

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son! Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Sermon: Looking Toward Heaven David Plume

We Respond

*Hymn #91 (Chalice) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

Reader:

Kent Kreamer

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Rob Brown

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Vestry Fellowship is in honor of those we deliver meal to, sponsored by Tommie Mayo.

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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*Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we give thanks, for you sent your Son to show us the way of abundant life, a way of generosity and love. So in obedience to him, we bring these offerings from our abundance, a celebration of your goodness to us. Just as your Son brought life to the world, so we pray that these gifts would bring life to this place, that all might rejoice in your goodness and mercy. Amen.

*Hymn#234 (Chalice)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 9:15 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30am - Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

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Offering

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Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office or call/text Pastor Sam at 717-309-7680.

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Belinda Finn or the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Mondays 9 - 1 Wednesdays 9 - 1 Voicemail and email are monitored daily. 410-346-7977

We Are Sent

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen

*Postlude March from "Athalie"

arr. Ellis

This Sunday we welcome David Plume to our service. David completed the Catoctin Association Lay Ministry School. He does supply preaching throughout the association. David is currently serving on the Catoctin Association Church and Ministry Commission. He is a member of Grace Reformed UCC in Kearneysville WV. David and his wife Barbara live near Shepherdstown WV. David retired as Public Service Training Coordinator. This position with the WV Department of Education coordinated training for Fire and EMS departments in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.