



6th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023

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Ushers: Guy and Ken

Read Before the Service: Psalm 113 (Hymnal page 147)

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, be present with Your grace and mercy. Lord, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may see and rejoice in your faithful, unending love. A love even greater than a mother's. Move us to true repentance and faith that we may receive your forgiveness and salvation that our hearts may truly rejoice. By Your grace may we also grow in godly living and show your love in all we do. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Invocation:

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



C: A _____ men.

Opening Hymn: 742 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor To his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.

Call to Repentance:

Confession of Sins:

C & P: Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I confess that I have sinned and gone astray. Lord, you have always been faithful and loving to me, but I have been unfaithful and gone after my own desires. I have often failed to be the loving child that you want me to be. I have been hurtful and unloving to others instead of showing the forgiving love that you have given me. I have sinned against you in countless ways. Yet, I come before you because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

Absolution:

Pastor: As the East is from the West, so far has He removed our transgressions from us, Alleluia.

5 **Cong:** As the east is from the west _ so far has He re-moved

10 _ Our trans-gres- sions from us. _ Al - le - lu - ia Mer- cy

16 High as the sky — reach-ing deep as the

21 Sea. — As the east is from the west _ so far has He re-moved

— Our trans - gres-sions from us.— Al - le - lu - ia

Psalm for the Day:

(Psalm 100)

P: Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

C: Serve the Lord with gladness;

P: Come before His presence with singing.

C: Know that the Lord, He is God;

P: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

C: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

C: And into His courts with praise.

P: Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

**C: For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.**

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13 She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar. 15 She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants. 16 She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. 17 She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms. 18 She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night. 19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle. 20 She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet. 22 She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants. 25 Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: 29 “Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.” 30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Response of Praise:

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood:

C: Is risen and has appeared unto us. Hallelujah!

P: I came forth from the Father and am come into the world:

C: Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which

you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. 25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. 29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

P: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

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.

Hymn: 767 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

1 Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all his mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness Into his most marv'rous light;
Brought his truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you That God's name is glorified;
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God's heart of love;
But he brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know his welcome And his countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people he intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service Sing his praise, his love declare.

Sermon Text: Romans 16:1-18

"I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, 2 that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who labored much for us. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. 8 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. 10 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. 11 Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. 12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them. 15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. 16 Greet one another

with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you. 17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”

Today's Theme:

The Women God Honors

1. *Phoebe*
2. *Prisca*
3. *Junia*
4. *The Mother of Rufus*

Hymn: 625 Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

1. Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there, How dark and poor and void it were!
2. Oh, blest that house where faith ye find And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!
3. Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost! May none to them and heaven be lost!
4. Blest such a house, it prospers well, In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown How richly God can bless His own.
5. Then here will I and mine today A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Prayers of the Church:

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.

L: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

6 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
12 new a right spir - it with - in me. ____ Cast me not a -
way from your pre - sence, and take not your ho - ly Spir - it from me. ____
22 — Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
28 hold me with your spir - it free. ____ Cre - ate in me a clean
heart, O__ God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 785 Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish; In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; In his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

2 Timothy 1:5

"I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday - Board of Doctrine Meeting at 12:00 noon.

Tuesday - Sunday School Teachers Meeting at 1:30.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30.

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:30

Thursday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

PCPC Study Club at 4:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with Rosemarie at 11:00.

Next Sunday- Worship Service at 10:00

Happy Mothers Day

We thank the Lord for the gift of our mothers. What a blessing you have been to teach us and demonstrate the Love of God for us. May God bless you richly.

Praying for our Family

Felix and Erma - As they continue to recover at home.

Karrie as she has eye surgery tomorrow.

Raena Huisman and **Nicole Free** who are both nearing their last month of pregnancy.

Voter's Meeting Report

Treasurer's Report - Our first quarter (January - March) ended with a positive balance of \$2622. The voters discussed how to manage the approximately \$645,000.00 received from Resurrection in Calgary. They decided to keep \$600,000 in a GIC until we are able to purchase property. They also agreed to give a thank offering to the Mission Development Fund to be used for developing foreign missions. The remainder of the money will be used to boost our General Fund.

Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference (PCPC) in Vernon

This Fall we will be hosting the PCPC on October 3-5. Instead of renting a meeting room and billeting the pastors the voters are considering renting a house where they can all to stay and meet together. If you are willing to contribute toward this event instead of billeting a pastor please let us know. If we are able to do so we need to make reservations soon.

Upcoming Events -

May 28 Pentecost - the last Sunday for Sunday School & Bible Class.

June 12 - Pastor leaves for CLC General Pastoral Conference and
Vacation - video services will be held on June 18 & 25.

July 17-20 Young Adult Backpacking.

Later July Youth Retreat to Spectrum Lake.

July 30 Third Quarter Voters Meeting

Sept. 10 Sunday School and Bible Class resume.

Spokesman and Daily Rest Subscriptions

The subscription for the Spokesman and the Daily Rest are due in June. The cost of the annual subscription is \$20 CAD for the Spokesman and \$21 CAD for the Daily Rest. There is a sign up sheet for the Daily Rest. You can add the amounts to your offering and mark it for the Spokesman or Daily Rest or both.