



PLUM Worship

6th Sunday of Easter

Living by Faith

May 9, 2021

3:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Love Lifted Me

<https://youtu.be/KKO-9CdaSZA>

WELCOME and PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, have mercy! For we are sinners,
But sinners redeemed by God's own grace.
Let us rejoice for God shows mercy.
Let us bring worship in this holy place.

HYMN Crown Him With Many Crowns

https://youtu.be/YuMh_ept-Js

- Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne:
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.*
- Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories we now sing
Who died, and rose on high
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.*
- Crown him the Lord of love-
Behold his hands and side
Those wounds, yet visible above
In beauty glorified.*

*No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eyes
At mysteries so bright.*

- Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,

and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,

for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our
Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful God,

We cannot save ourselves through our own actions, only
through your grace, freely offered. Yet keep us faithful to
the lives we have chosen and make us examples that
others might see and come to believe in you, for the sake
of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

Reader: Paul 1, Paul 2

Paul 1: You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Paul 2: But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

Paul 1: But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Paul 2: We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

Paul 1: But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

Paul 2: I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

<https://youtu.be/0k67nFHgvII>

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR JOHN GROPP

HYMN My Faith Looks Up To Thee

<https://youtu.be/X5g-Att0bmE>

- 1. My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calgary, Savior divine!
Now hear me when I pray, take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.*
- 2. May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!*
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrows tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*
- 4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream shall O'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear be safe above, a ransomed soul!*

NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Lead us in lives of integrity that reflect our commitment to you and your gospel, and do not allow us to become reason for others to stumble in their faith. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all the women who have been like mothers to us in this life, and guide those who tend and care for others who need them. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Help us to outwardly show the Christ that lives inwardly within us, especially in relation to your created world and our responsibility in it. Make us good stewards of your gifts and defenders of all that threatens your creation. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Deliver those who have been victimized by cults and sects masquerading as religion. Heal those who have suffered abuse at the hands of those who act as people of faith. Forgive us our shortcomings as a church and lead us forward in reconciliation. Bless all those for whom we pray this day, especially... God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

We celebrate Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, hymnwriter and one who helped renew the church. We give you thanks for all who spread your gospel through the gift of music. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, be with us during this discernment process of calling a new pastor. Open our eyes and our ears, Lord. You know what is best for the ministry of PLUM. Walk with us during this journey of discernment, so that we clearly hear and do what is your will. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grant confidence and zeal to members of our PLUM congregations that we may faithfully carry out your work which you have entrusted to us. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

At this time, we offer ourselves to God—our physical resources and our whole life—recognizing that all we are and all we have are God's given to us and for which we are stewards. If you have a monetary offering for your congregation, please send it or deliver it to the church.

Let us pray. We bring the gifts of our wealth, our time and our lives to your service. We offer them freely as a testimony to our gratitude for the mercy you have shown to us. Accept them and use us for the important work of your kingdom on earth. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the Lord taught us.

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.

Take and eat the body of Christ given for you.

Take and drink the blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN The Church's One Foundation

<https://youtu.be/1LZVz1guz2c>

- The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From Heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.*

- Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One Holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.*
- Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.*
- Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Soon and Very Soon

<https://youtu.be/dYIOE6-CWJI>

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GOD SIGHTINGS

COFFEE HOUR

TODAY – Welcome!

Join Us for Bible Study! All are welcome!

PLUM Bible Study on **Proverbs**: Tuesdays at 1 PM or Thursdays at 7 PM in May.

Thursdays at 10 AM: Join Pastor Paul for a Bible Study on the next Sunday's biblical texts.

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