



PLUM Worship

Partnership in the Gospel

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

3:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

<https://youtu.be/4xJXzgonLdQ>

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

WELCOME and PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

He is risen!

Christ is alive!

We gather so that our words and our actions

Model Christ's grace, compassion, and love!

HYMN STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

<https://youtu.be/QGf2fTla0zo>

- Stand up, stand up for Jesus
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss:
from vict'ry unto vict'ry
his army shall he lead,
'til ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.*
- Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day;
ye that are brave now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.*
- Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own:
put on the gospel armor,
each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.*

- Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song:
to those who vanquish evil
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory
shall reign eternally*

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!

In the waters of baptism,

we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

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

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water

and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,

our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,

now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

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. God of grace, Paul encouraged believers to have courage and live their truth. Grant us courage and a willingness to put you and others first. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING **Philippians 1:1-18a**

Readers: Narrator 1, Narrator 2

Narrator 1: Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Narrator 1: I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Narrator 2: It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

Narrator 1: And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Narrator 2: I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.

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 9:46-48**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, ⁴⁸and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor John Gropp

HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

<https://youtu.be/FN3OaZJaNEE>

- 1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise*
- 2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee
Swift and beautiful for thee*
- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my king
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee
Filled with messages from thee*
- 4. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee
Ever, only, all for thee
Ever, only, all for thee
Ever, only, all for thee*

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.

We give you thanks for your servant, Paul, who never allowed misfortune to win the day, and never rested until he had proclaimed your gospel to everyone he met. Give us zeal, energy, and spirit on behalf of Jesus' mission. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

It is easy to second guess the motives of others and assume we know who is genuine. Make us less concerned about the how's and the why's of our brothers and sisters in faith, and more concerned that the gospel is proclaimed. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

As spring bursts forth on the Northern Hemisphere, bring about the renewal of our hearts as well, making them well-watered gardens where love abides and hope grows. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Sometimes it is the wounded among us who make the best agents of your healing. Use all of us—shortcomings and all—to tend your flocks and spread the balm of your wholeness. Be especially with... Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

God of all good gifts, your Son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and in knowledge of your world. Teach us to encourage their search for truth and value in their lives. Protect and bless all of our young people, especially.... Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, you know what is best for the ministry of PLUM and have guided us in the calling of a new pastor. Continue to open our eyes, ears, and hearts, that we may faithfully carry out your work which you have entrusted to us. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, whenever we think of your faithful saints who carried your precious gospel throughout the ages. As their witness has blessed us, so make us a blessing to others, and unite us all in your eternal kingdom. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Here other petitions may be offered.

For what else do we pray? [Silence]
Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Gather our prayers, spoken aloud and offered silently, into your hands, for the good of your people and the glory of your name. **Amen.**

PEACE

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. Lord, you come to us in any circumstance, both good and bad. As Paul continued to act with your strength while in prison, we too, can act with generosity and courage. Accept these gifts given gratefully, no matter where our lives' journeys are taking us today. In Jesus' name we pray. **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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

INVITATION

The one who equipped and strengthened us to do your work in the world also calls us to use our gifts to model faithfulness and love. Come to the table where nourishment for your spirit can build you up and send you out. This meal is prepared for you.

Take and eat the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**
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. **We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. 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

<https://youtu.be/A78cXHfXwv4>

LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

1. *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.*
2. *Thanks we give and adoration
For thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

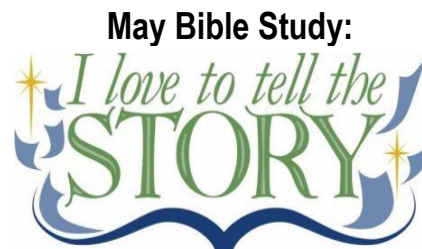
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GOD SIGHTINGS

COFFEE HOUR



Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Developing your Faith Narrative

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