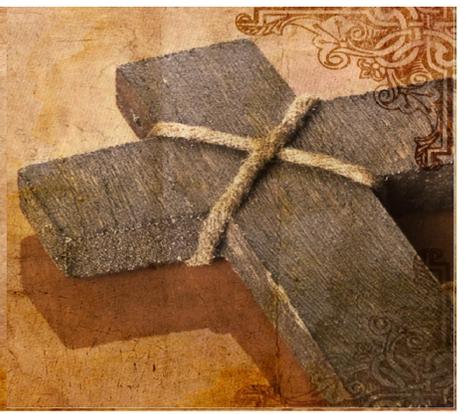


Worship Service
Sunday May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter



PRELUDE

GATHERING WORDS:

Bless our God, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Sound God's praise.

Bless our God, all who search for truth.

Sanctify Christ as Lord.

Bless our God, pilgrims of the way.

Shout God's holy Name.

We have gathered to praise the LORD.

Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN #545

"The Church's One Foundation"

vs. 1,2,3,5

OPENING PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, You are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking You, O giver of life and breath. Reveal Yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us. We live because of You. We hope because of You.

In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us, AMEN.

HYMN

"Sanctuary"

FIRST READING: PSALM 27 (NIV)

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? ²When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. ³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. ⁴One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. ⁵For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. ⁶Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing

and make music to the Lord. ⁷Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. ⁸My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. ¹⁰Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. ¹¹Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. ¹²Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. ¹³I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #383

“This is a Day of New Beginnings”

vs. 1-4

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:13–22 (NIV)

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵But 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, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—²⁰to 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, ²¹and 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE: “Foundation Issues” by Pastor J. Paul Bruhn

CLOSING HYMN #380 *“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE