



**Sunday, May 16, 2021**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – J.S. Bach

Cheri Tigh

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia

ELW 169

**GOSPEL READING** John 17:6-19

**SERMON** "United for Mission"

Pastor Dan Whitener

**HYMN OF THE DAY** God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition ends: "Hear us, O God" **All: Your mercy is great.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always. **All: And also with you.**

*Please take this time to share the peace by sending a text or email to those on your mind.*

## RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **All: Amen.**

**OFFERING MUSIC** Masterpiece – Gaither/Patty/Henderson

Cheri Tigh

In honor of our first Communicants

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **All: Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** Peace in God's Good Time – Burkhardt

Cheri Tigh

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## Serving Today

Presiding Minister: *Pastor Dan Whitener*; Assisting Minister: *Vicar Brandi Hebert*; Organist and Director of Choirs: *Cheri Tigh*; Video Recording: *Susan McDonnell*; Altar Guild: *Karen Hoch, Donna Picciano*

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