

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Fifth Sunday After Easter

8:30 & 11:00am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes"* – Smith
"Prelude on 'Slane'" – Young

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 109

Leader: With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord;
I will praise Him in the midst of the throng.

**People: For He stands at the right hand of the needy,
to save them from those who would condemn them.**

* HYMNS *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* No. 306
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" No. 280
(stanza 1---solo by Tina Dansereau)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION
God of the heavens and the earth, of everything that has life and breath, we thank You and praise You for the exuberant diversity of Your creation. In return we have built fortresses to save ourselves, not under Your orders like Noah, but to keep out others that we perceive as weak and unclean, and thereby unworthy of our care. Forgive us for not holding up our end of the bargain. We beg You to send Your Spirit to open our hearts to true stewardship, and to welcome everyone who struggles just like us to honor, serve, and glorify You in their own way. We pray this in the name of the One who died so that everyone could live, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE
[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE David Griffith
(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

ANTHEM *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* – arr. Schrader Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 7:6-16 (OT p6)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 14:1-6 (NT p163)*

SERMON **ROMANS FOR DUMMIES** Rev. Robert Bronkema
"Living With Animals"

*HYMN *"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"* No. 426

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY *"In Faith I Quiet Wait"* – Bach, arr. Thompson

*DOXOLOGY
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Welcome
Distribution

**[Worshippers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together as Christ's one people.
Please drink as you are ready, in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Jubilate Deo"* – Handel, arr. Blake

Next Week
Exodus 2:1-10
Romans 14:7-12
"Am I Accountable?"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Unstoppable God
God with Us
Head to the Heart

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

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Scripture Readings

Genesis 7:6-16; Romans 14:1-6

Sermon

"Living With Animals"

Communion

*Offering/Closing Song

Beautiful Name

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
