

6th Sunday of Easter
Abundant Life Worship
May 22 – 9:00 a.m.
We Gather Together

Prelude

Announcement

Call to Worship:

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

C: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

C: Let all the peoples praise you.

Opening Hymn:

“Let it Rise”

Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the praises of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the joy of the King
Rise among us let it rise

O let it rise
O let it rise

Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the praises of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise

O let it rise
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Let the songs of the Lord
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Opening Prayer: Let us pray.

C: Astonishing God, you give us a vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, you home among mortals on earth. All people and nations will stream to your city where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace. Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of your loving care for all creation. And so you call us to move beyond our comfortable circles, and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream of a world made new in Christ. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Loving God,

C: we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

P: Let your hearts...receive the peace of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

Word

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15 *Response: Thanks be to God!*

Psalm: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²*Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.*

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.*

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶*The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.*

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5 *Response: Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Response before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Response Song:

“Christ Be Our Light”

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

(Chorus) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine your Church

Gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. (*Chorus*)

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Signs of your kingdom come. (*Chorus*)

Apostles' Creed: (ELW p. 105)

Prayers of Intercession: God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer: (ELW p. 208)

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Words of Institution

Communion Instructions:

(Ushers distributed to each individual communion kits as you were seated). After the Words of Institution, the Pastor would invite all to receive communion with the following words:

“The Body of Christ broken for you, the Blood of Christ shed for you.”

The Minister of Music will play a short (about 1 minute) communion piece while the Congregation receives communion. Waste baskets are located at the end of the aisle as you exit the sanctuary. This would be followed by the Sending and Dismissal.

Closing Song:

“I Believe in Jesus”

I believe in Jesus
I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again
I believe He paid for us all
I believe He is here now
Standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive

I believe in You Lord
I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again
I believe You paid for us all
And I believe You're here now
I believe that You're here
Standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now
With the power to heal
And the grace to forgive

I believe in Jesus
I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again
I believe He paid for us all
I believe He is here now
Standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive

Blessing:

P: May the Lord be gracious and bless you that you may live a life of praise forever in God's light.

C: Amen.

Sending

Dismissal:

P: We go out into the world

C: sharing the love of God, spreading the Word of God, and serving the children of God.

P: Christ is with us!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude