Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10th, 2020

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship (In Unison)

We long for abiding peace and friendship that renews our souls. We seek wisdom that endures and guidance for our journey. We come to encounter Christ. Let us worship our God!

Hymn 321 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endured. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore: till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, in baptism you claim us as beloved children and set us apart as witnesses to your love. At times we forget to bear the mark of your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives. Wash us again in your grace and transform us by your Word, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. (Time of Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Praise No. 581 Gloria Patri

A Virtual Exchange of Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you. P: And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture ReadingJohn 14:1-14L: This is the Word of the Lord.P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon	The Way to God	Rev. Vanessa Winters
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Pastoral Prayer

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

Thanking God through the Offering

Doxology No. 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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* Prayer Concerns:

Recent: Susan Sullivan, friend of Mary & John Hull; Dorothy Evans, Stony Brook Hospital; Clarks and Babis Families; Allison Butler, Russ Babis' niece; Christian Tureski; Deborah Agar, Alix McKenzie's sister in law; Walter Johnson, brother-in-law of Mimi Wood; Sally Hoge; Paul & Ellen Pfaff; The Sagendorf family; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller; Bob Baum, home; Emily Yervasi, daughter of Vinnie & Marie Yervasi; John Comba, Home; George Burns, home; Jay Sears; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Rev. John Kloepfer Long Term: Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard, Home



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