



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2014

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Children ages 3 yrs -2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.*) †

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....arr. Kahl
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....

Leader: We come again to celebrate resurrection! God gives us new birth into a living hope.

PEOPLE: **DEATH HAS NO POWER OVER US.
CHRIST GOES BEFORE US IN THE NEW LIFE GOD OFFERS.**

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ! Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

PEOPLE: **OUR HEARTS ARE GLAD, OUR SOULS REJOICE.
GOD SHOWS US THE PATH OF LIFE.**

Leader: Again, Jesus says to us; Peace be with you. Come to receive life in Christ's name.

UNISON: **WE REJOICE IN GOD'S AMAZING GOOD NEWS.
IN GOD'S PRESENCE, WE FIND FULLNESS OF JOY.**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 72
To God Be the Glory

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Abbi Kilburn

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Your Easter people gather to praise You, amazing God, for we cannot live apart from You. Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night; we have only to open ourselves to Your direction. Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace the ministries You set before us. Build up our life in You, O God. Fill us with Your presence. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray as He taught us, saying, "*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.*" Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Opening Words

Hymn 721 (vs. 1 & 4) *My Country, 'tis of Thee*

Memorial Candle

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (*pg 983*).....1 Peter 1:3-9

ANTHEM.....arr. Messiter
Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

SECOND READING (*pg 882*).....John 20:19-31

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill
Reach Out Your Hand

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Schubert
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We rejoice in the inheritance You have given us, O God, and delight in sharing it with others. You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You have touched our lives with eternity, with indescribable and glorious joy. We want others to experience what we have begun to realize in company with one another and with You. To that end, bless all of the offerings of this day. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528
Give Thanks

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 263
Surely, the Presence of the Lord

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Debbie Friberg

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Tony Peris

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. East Wells
O, How I Love Jesus

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....**.....CH. 651 (vs. 1 & 4)

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Reach out your hand, Thomas, and touch the teenager sold into slavery in India; the child born into poverty in Hampton Roads.

PEOPLE: CHRIST WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS. UPON HIM WAS THE PUNISHMENT THAT MADE US WHOLE.

Leader: And now he sends us, to place our hands at the side of those who need healing, forgiveness and peace.

PEOPLE: WE GO, JOINED WITH CHRIST THROUGH FLESH AND SPIRIT. WE BELIEVE IN HIM, OUR LORD AND OUR GOD! ALLELUIA AND AMEN.

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth attend LIVE BIG!*

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Ed Coe, Marla Terry, Andrew Wells, Christie Wells



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. See you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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