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# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD				
CHIMING THE HOUR				
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS				
<b>CHILDREN'S MOMENT</b> (Children ages 3 yrs. – $2^{nd}$ grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) $\ddagger$				
PRELUDEJames Southbridge Sabbath Morn				
Saddath Morn				
*CALL TO WOI	RSHIPEmily Vinson			
Leader:	Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!			
PEOPLE:	THEIR DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND THEY MEDITATE ON HIS LAW DAY AND NIGHT.			
Leader:	They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.			
PEOPLE:	IT IS NOT SO WITH THE WICKED; THEY ARE LIKE CHAFF, WHICH THE WIND BLOWS AWAY.			
Leader:	Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.			
UNISON:	FOR THE LORD KNOWS THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED IS DOOMED.			
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRISTThomas Mills				
*WORSHIP HYMNCH. 91 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name				

# \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, we come before You as a gathering of those whom You have called together from the world. We come as Your own, seeking in word and truth to worship You. Grant us words and spirit, which are pleasing to You. Grant us faith and hope. Grant us wisdom and courage. For we seek to keep Your word, and glorify Your name. We ask it all in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who taught us to pray, 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

# THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

M Worship Tapestry D READING (pg. 885) GE GE ho is the Apostle Matthias?" And What We can Learn from his (S)el	Acts 1:15-17; 21-26 The Rev. Dr. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.
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E FOR MISSION	Lynne Thomas
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TORY	Donald Lee Moore
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nbers of Your human family, O God, we celebrate new life.	-
rrch grows through confession of faith and through baptis	· · · · · ·
w weeks together, we give thanks and praise. As we offe	
gs upon them. Use and empower these gifts, O God, with po	
ng them, that those tithes and offerings will grow Your re	eign on earth. Now and forever.

*GIVE THANKS	CH. 528	
Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart		
COMMUNION INVITATION		
COMMUNION HYMN	CH. 351 (vs. 1 & 2)	
Fill My Cup, Lord		
PRAYER FOR THE BREAD	Carrie Kelly	
PRAYER FOR THE CUP	Leo Gibbs	
DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS	arr. Robert J. Hughes	
Near the Cross		

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. 344 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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.

Triumphal March

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

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

\*POSTLUDE......James Denton

*t* Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades attend LIVE BIG!

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

# **DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Debra Trevino, Rosemary Lahy, Allen Wallace, Megan Baines

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. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

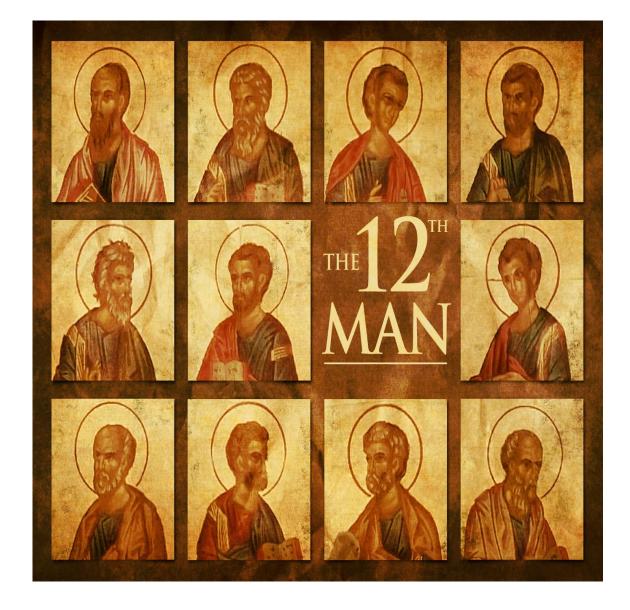


### The Welcome Loaf

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



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