



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025 9:00 a.m.

We kindly ask that you silence your cellphones and electronic devices to create a sacred space for contemplation and prayer.

† - Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming the Hour / Welcome & Announcements

God Gathers the Scattered

Prelude

Communion

by Louis Vierne

† Call to Worship

Rev. John O'Neal

Jesus is the Alpha and Omega.

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Jesus is the bright morning star.

Let anyone who sees say, "Come!"

Jesus is the life-giving water.

Let all who are thirsty say, "Come!"

May the grace of God be with us,

quenching our every thirst and blessing our every story.

We come to receive living water.

We come to soak in God's blessing.

† Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545 (vss. 1, 2, & 5)

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her 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.

2. 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 endued.

5. Yet she on earth hath 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,
on high may dwell with thee.

† Opening Prayer

Unison

Jesus, our Christ,
you are the morning star whose rising convinces us
that the dark night has passed.
We come to you today thirsting for words of hope and eternal life;
we know your resurrection would allow us that hope,
a river of life flowing from your tomb.
Help us know that your guarantee is now and forever.
We who believe have hope for eternal life for ourselves
and for the whole cosmos.
In your name, we pray, Amen.

God Speaks the Word to Us

A Reading from the Epistles

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

One: Word of God, Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

God of Grace

arr. Tom Fettke

Trina Durfee & Sam Williams, soloists

Sermon

Come, Lord Jesus

Dr. Parkes

God Inspires Us to Respond

† The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

UMH 184

1. Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he
of the things that are, that have been
and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

2. O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

3. Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.
Amen.

† The Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord Jesus be always with you.
Many: **And also with you.**

The Offering

Offertory *Prelude on "Rhosymedre"* R. V. Williams

† Doxology UMH 94

† Prayer of Gratitude

God Hosts Us at Christ's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of
your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit & recalls the institution of the Lord's
Supper, concluding:*

...we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor prays for the Church and praises the Trinity, concluding:

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Breaking the Bread / Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymns

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling - UMH 348

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me.

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart - UMH 629

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us O saving Lord
The bread of life to eat

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when You call Your family Lord
We follow and rejoice (Refrain)

2. With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy Lord
To share this heavenly food (Refrain)

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured
Do not one cup one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord (Refrain)

4. The mystery of Your presence Lord
No mortal tongue can tell
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell (Refrain)

5. You give Yourself to us O Lord
Then selfless let us be
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity (Refrain)

Today, there are two communion stations near the chancel. If you need a gluten-free option, please ask the server at your station.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us to the World

† Hymn

He Touched Me

UMH 367

1. Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same

Chorus: He touched me, Oh He touched me
And oh, the joy that floods my soul
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole

2. Since I met this blessed Savior
Since He cleansed and made me whole
I will never cease to praise Him
I'll shout it while eternity rolls

† Dismissal with Blessing

The pastor blesses those gathered and concludes:

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude on "Now Let Us Rejoice"

by James Kasen