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Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Rejoice in Times of Parting

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision with Open Our Eyes O Lord We Pray* arr. Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: God has set this day before us,

P: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

L: God has set our lives before us,

P: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

L: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

P: So that we might live fully in deep love.

L: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2009** (FWS, see p. 3)

O God Beyond All Praising

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world.

**Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.*

Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2026 (FWS, see p. 4)

Halle, Halle, Halle

ALL SING: I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way, the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(8:00 AM) **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Austin Michael Allison, Jr.

Parents: Austin and Olivia Allison

Godparents: Logan Allison & Alicia Vandermark

(8:00 AM) **HYMN NO. 325**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

John 14: 15-21

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 393 (FWS, see p. 5)

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 249** (black hymnal, see p. 6) *Peace I Leave With You My Friends*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

by Rankin

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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¹ The Call to Worship was written by Beth Merrill Neel and posted on her website, <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>, and accessed on May 23, 2022.

² The Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel and posted on her website, <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>, and accessed on May 23, 2022.

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O God Beyond All Praising

Michael Perry

Gustav T. Holst

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you to -
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we

5
- day and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re -
bring, that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our

9
- pay; for and we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you
king; and whe - ther our to - mor - rows be filled with good or

13
send, at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out
ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you

17
end: We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your
still: To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your

21
Word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of

25
Lord.
praise.

Halle Halle Halle

Arr. by John L. Bell

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Piano 

1. I am the res - ur-rec - tion live in me,
2. Hal - le, hal - le hal - le - lu - jah!

5 

I am the way, the truth, fol - low me!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

9 

I am the res - ur-rec - tion live in me, Hal-le -
Hal - le - hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le -

13 

- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Ronald Cole-Turner

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Piano 

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre - a - tion,
3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from
4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose

4 

Spir - it's sign; With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and
loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and
God you came. Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who
child you are. Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God

8 

grace di - vine.
laugh - ter lead.
bears Christ's name.
more than all.

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

John Fawcett

John G. Nägeli

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore the God we come and our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, each pour oth - er's
 4. When we are called to part it gives us

6

Chris - tian love; The shar - ing of a com - mon
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each oth - er
 in - ward pain, But we shall still be joined in

11

life is like to that a - bove.
 one, our com - forts and our cares.
 flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

Ray Repp, 1967

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♩ = 80

Piano

Refrain

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in all you

8

do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can

15

give to oth - ers, too.

1. To share God's love is why I
 2. Take my hand and be at
 3. With this love now all will

22

came, to show God's kind - ness with out end. Go now, my friends, and
 peace; the spir - it of our love I send. And with this love you
 know that lone - li - ness is at an end. Re-joyce, my friends, al -

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To Refrain

do the same, un-til I come a - gain.
 will be free, un-til I come a - gain.
 - though I go, for I will come a - gain.