

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Facebook Live Stream Worship
May 17, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

People: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. So guide us that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

First Peter 3:18-22 (NRSV)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: "In" the World, But Not "Of" the World

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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 WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**Go into the world
with God's new song of love in your hearts.
Forgive others, as you are forgiven.
Open your hearts to the coming of God's Spirit.
And may the peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds faithful and well.
Through the grace of Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.