

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MEMORIAL DAY

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Facebook Live Stream Worship
May 24, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

People: We remember our fallen veterans, and the sacrifices they have made on our behalf.

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

People: We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence, for all those who have sacrificed themselves in the service of our country's peace and freedom.

... Moments of Silence ...

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of ages past and hope to come, we offer our gratitude for those who have gone before, we offer our hope for those yet to come. As we honor the past, help us dream of a future of love and peace. Comfort us in our sorrow. Strengthen us for the journey. Guide us on the path of justice. Help us live as your people, that others may see and remember your wisdom and truth living in us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 4:1-7 (NRSV)

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.' " Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: In Living Memory

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.