

# SOFT OPENING SUNDAY

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas  
Online Worship  
June 27, 2021

**PRELUDE** "Praise Him! Praise Him!" – arr. Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Kevin Pleas

**INTROIT # 354** "Seek Ye First"

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

**Leader:** The kingdom of God has come near! Let us enter this time of worship with joyful expectation!

**People:** We have come here to praise God. We give thanks to God forever!

**Leader:** Rejoice in the work God gives you to do! Rejoice that your names are known to God!

**People:** We have known God's blessing in many ways. We bless the God of grace who has not let our feet slip.

## OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**O God, Creator and Lover of all people, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We open our hearts to hear the teaching you have for us and the direction you would lead us. May our hearts respond this day to the opportunities you show us and may our boast be only in the cross of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN # 545** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Barbara Papagian

## 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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE # 303** "In This Time"

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Lift Thine Eyes" – Felix Mendelssohn Michelle Harrington and Carol Soucy

**SCRIPTURE READING** Rev. Barbara Papagian

Romans 12:1-2 (NRSV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

“Metanoia”

Rev. Kevin Pleas

**HYMN # 632**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

**CLOSING WORDS**

**BENEDICTION (Unison)**

**In your journeys to and fro, God direct you;  
In your happiness and pleasure, God bless you;  
In care, anxiety, or trouble, God sustain you;  
In peril and in danger, God protect you.  
The grace of God be with you all, now and always.**

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Strong-Tower Postlude (A Mighty Fortress)” – Matthias Nagel

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**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.**

**Introit**  
**Hymn no. 354**

**“Seek Ye First”**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

**Opening Hymn no. 545**      **“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”**

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; by waters still, o’er troubled sea, still ‘tis thy hand that leadeth me.
3. And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory’s won, e’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God thro’ Jordan leadeth me.

**Prayer Response**  
**Hymn no. 303**

**“In This Time”**

In this time of quiet reverence, God fills us now with everlasting peace and may each and ev’ry day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.

**Closing Hymn no. 632**      **“Lead On, O King Eternal”**

1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home; through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where’er thy face appears; thy cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.