

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**May 24, 2020**  
***The Seventh Sunday of Easter***  
**11:00am**  
***St. John's United Methodist Church***

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Gathering Music Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Matthew Greer and Jim Ahrend  
"Come, Ye Disconsolate"  
Early American Hymn, arr. Alice Parker

Invocation

Call to Worship

Clap your hands, all you peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.  
**The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!**  
Come, let's sing praise to God together,  
**for our God is sovereign over all the earth!**

Hymn UMH 126  
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

## 126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre -  
 2. The Lord is nev - er far a-way, but through all grief dis -  
 3. Thus, all my toil-some way a-long, I sing a-loud thy  
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho-ly name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres-ent help and stay, our peace and  
 prais - es, that earth may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -  
 glo - ry; let all who own his power pro-claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion. With heal-ing balm my soul is filled and  
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth-er's ten-der hand, God  
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both  
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for

ev-ry faith-less mur-mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry.  
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.  
 soul and bod-y bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.  
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1864 (Dt. 32:3)  
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566; harm. by Maurice F. Bell, 1906

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Affirmation of Faith

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Ministry Moment

Karen Tidler  
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Invitation to Give

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Offertory Music

Les Bruce, Richard Bray, and Roger Eaton  
“Standing in the Fire”  
Ed Bruce

Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”

FWS 2114

2114 At the Font We Start Our Journey

1. At the font we start our jour - ney, in the  
 2. At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the  
 3. At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the  
 4. At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the

Eas - ter faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er  
 Eas - ter tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and  
 Eas - ter gift of bread; in our break - ing it to  
 Eas - ter vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di -

blind us, by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 proph - ets, by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 piec - es see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 vid - ed to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

WORDS: Jeffery Rowthorn (Acts 10:36-43; Col. 3:15)  
 MUSIC: John Goss

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Pastoral Prayer

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 11:1-9

Message

Rev. Dr. Todd Seelau

“Keep Your Feet on the Ground, and Keep Reaching for the Stars”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

FWS 2241

# The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve 2241

1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we  
 2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and  
 3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to  
 4. Then let us go to serve in peace, to the

go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

WORDS: Delores Dufner, OSB

MUSIC: USA folk melody

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Benediction

Postlude

Jim Ahrend

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*Worship Leaders:*

*Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Rev. Dr. Todd Seelau, Matthew Greer, Jim Ahrend, Shea Perry*