SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Steven Phillips

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP — Joseph Murrey, Thornwell Home for Children

PRELUDE — *Sonata for Oboe and Piano: Allegretto* (Greg Stead, oboe and Glenn Priest, piano) — Camille Saint-Seans

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Mariah Martin

We may not know the time or the place,
but we know that God is restoring the world.
We may not see the risen Christ before us,
but we know his spirit rests on us.
We may not know what God is doing next,
but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

*** HYMN 667** — *When Morning Gilds the Skies* — LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ron Miller

Christ our Savior,
as you ascended, you left the work to us.
You called us to keep the movement going,
to witness to the ends of the earth,
to pray, to heal, to glorify you
through our thoughts, words, and deeds.
We have fallen short of this call.
Forgive us,
and strengthen us to do your will,
that we may be signs of your coming reign.

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **SONG OF JOY 583** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* TAIZE

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria! Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Alleluia, alleluia!

* **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas* John Michael Trotta
(The Chancel Choir with Greg Stead & Glenn Priest)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in him and be glad.
Let us revere and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Page 1106
John 17:1-11 Page 985

SERMON *Claiming and Celebrating Our Heritage* Ron Miller

HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Ron Miller

OFFERTORY *Sonata for Oboe and Piano: Adantino* Camille Saint-Seans
(Greg Stead and Glenn Priest)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Steven Phillips

**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.**

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)
Mariah Martin

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

*** HYMN 295** *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Ron Miller

*** POSTLUDE** *Now Thank We All our God* J.S. Bach/arr. Fox
(Glenn Priest, organ)