SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 29, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Steven Phillips

PRELUDE — *Andante Cantabile from Symphony No. 5* — Tchaikovsky
(Connor Landers, French Horn)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Denise Landers

In the beauty and wonder of creation
we see the care of our Maker.

In the warmth of flesh, the cleansing of water, the taste of bread and fruit
we know the love of the Christ.

In the courage that fills us and the love that joins us
we feel the Spirit stir.

Let us enter into worship.

Let us praise the living God.

*** HYMN 401 (VERSES 1, 2, & 4)** — *Gather Us In* — GATHER US IN

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Steven Phillips

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
You invite us into a love that has stirred
since before the dawn of time.
You claim us as your children.
You give us to each other.
You ask us to live in mutual reliance.

Yet we often feel estranged from you, our maker;
from the creation, which you ask us to tend;
from our neighbor, whom you want us to know;
from the self you created us to be.

Meet us now in the silence.
Heal each fractured place
that it may be the ground from which new life springs,
that we may see your mercy root and grow everywhere we turn—
that we may find our place in your purpose.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***SONG OF JOY 65** *Glory to God* TAISÉ

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 PEACE OF CHRIST**

INTRODUCTION Jay Swick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:20-26

SERMON *That we all may be one, that the world may believe...* Carlos Emilio Ham

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Declaration of Faith,* PCUS, 1977
Denise Landers

The church's story with God did not end
with the latest events recorded in Scripture.
Across the centuries the company of believers
has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history.
It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame.

We confess we are heirs of this whole story.
We are charged to remember our past,
to be warned and encouraged by it,
but not to live it again.

Now is the time of our testing
as God's story with the church moves forward through us.
We are called to live now as God's servants
in the service of people everywhere.

Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.

ANTHEM *The Journey is Our Home* Alan Pote
(Chancel Choir with Connor Landers, French Horn)

Awake, arise, the journey's begun.
We travel on together as one.
We know not where the road will lead,
But we move in faith making love our creed as we follow;
the journey is our home.

Good travelers walk with company,
sharing bread with those in need.
Giving help along the way
to those who fall, who wander astray as we follow;
the journey is our home.

Refrain
Join with us in jubilee!
Celebrate God's family.
Sing together joyfully: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise forevermore.

God moves with us as we go,
and hears our cry, our path God knows.
Yet far beyond the setting sun
there shines a light of a victory won.
The journey—the journey is our home. **(Refrain)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Jay Swick

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.

***HYMN 322** *We Are One in Christ Jesus* SOMOS UNO

We are one in Christ Jesus,
all one body, all one spirit,
all together.

We share one God, one mighty Lord,
one abiding faith, one binding love,
one single baptism, one Holy Comforter,
the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

Somos uno en Cristo,
somos uno, somos uno,
uno solo.

Un solo Dios, un solo Señor,
una sola fe, un solo amor,
un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu,
y ése es el Consolador.

***BENEDICTION** Carlos Emilio Ham

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on We Are One in the Spirit* Steven Phillips