



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 17, 2026 11:00 AM

As a courtesy to
others, please
silence your phone.

from Psalm 68

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE

In the Garden
(Isaac Mingus, cello and Steven Phillips, piano)

Austin Miles/arr. Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Saba

Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord,

Blessed be the Lord, our God!

*HYMN 361

O Christ, The Great Foundation

AURELIA

O Christ, the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered
in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited;
by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened,
the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win. *(continued next page)*

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

This is the moment glorious
when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation,
the glory of all things

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth,
but we would rather ask about timelines, outcomes, and control.
You tell us to wait for power from on high,
yet we rush ahead in our own strength.
You gather us into prayerful community,
yet we scatter into distraction and self-reliance.
Forgive us.
Teach us to wait together in prayer.
Fill us with courage to be your witnesses.
Shape us into a people ready to receive your power
and faithful to the mission you entrust to us.**

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 623** (vv. 1 & 2) *I've Got Peace like a River*

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (repeat)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

RECOGNITION OF 10 YEARS OF SERVICE - STEVEN PHILLIPS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino
(The Chancel Choir)

Giovanni Anerio

Cantate Domino!
O praise him in the company of the saints.
Rejoice, ye Israel, in the Lord, in God your maker.
O children of Zion, make music to the Lord God.

Praise, O praise the Lord's name with dancing.
With timbrel and harp sing praises.
Let the saints sing Gloria Deo in excelsis!
Sing unto the Lord a new song.
Bring praises and be joyful.
O sing the Lord a new song!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Mind Your Own Business

Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lisa Saba

**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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Phillips

(Isaac Mingus, cello; Mark DeRose, percussion; Steven Phillips, piano)

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Lisa Saba

**God has not taken his people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world
to worship him there and serve all humankind.
We worship God in the world
by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world;
it is part of our mission.
We serve humankind by discerning
what God is doing in the world
and joining him in his work.**

from *A Declaration
of Faith*, 1977

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God. (repeat)

Refrain:

Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy. (repeat)

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God. (repeat)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Steven Phillips

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.



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