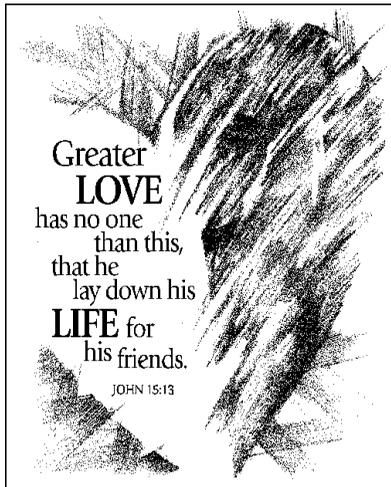


THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018

Worship Focus

**Risen to Relate: The Friend with Friends.
Jesus “For Us” Empowers Jesus “In Us”.**



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OPENING HYMN

411 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820-86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918.

INVOCATION

- Minister** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- Congregation** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

PRAAYER AND PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God,
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be-
Refrain
gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 11:19-26

Despite being scattered by persecution, the Lord's love led the early Christians to share the Gospel with all whom they men.

ACTS 11:19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

²² News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

PSALM

Hymn 245

The choir will sing verses 1-2. The congregation is asked to join on verses 3-4.



1 Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom
 2 Now to the ends of the earth, See, his sal -
 3 Sing a new song and re - joice! Pub - lish his
 4 Join with the hills and the sea Thun - ders of



won - ders be - long! Re - joice in his
 va - tion is shown, And still he re -
 prais - es a - broad! Let voic - es in
 praise to pro - long! In judg - ment and



tri - umph and tell of his pow'r! Oh,
 mem - bers his mer - cy and truth, Un -
 cho - rus, with trum - pet and horn, Re -
 jus - tice he comes to the earth. Oh,



sing to the Lord a new song!
 chang - ing in love to his own.
 sound for the joy of the Lord!
 sing to the Lord a new song!

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SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:1-11

Children of God test the teachings of those who claim to be prophets and are moved by God's love to love each other.

¹ JOHN 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Adult Choir

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Jesus has shown us the greatest love in laying down his life for us. We now show our love for him by obeying his commands.

JOHN 15:9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



HYMN OF THE DAY

492 - Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,
2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,
3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er
4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,

Source of life and truth and grace, Word made
King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the
In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and
So may we for oth - ers live, Free - ly

flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly

all our hu - man race, You our head,
 cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -
 joy - ful, young and old. Is there want
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold

who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of

ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for
 bur - den share, Are there spir - its crushed and
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your

pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855-1932, abr., alt.
 Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

SERMON

John 15:9-17

Live Jesus' Legacy

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Heavenly Father, You promise to hear our prayers for the sake of Your Son. Help us to accept Your invitation to ask You for all good things with boldness and confidence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we live in a world plagued by sinful doubt and skepticism over Your Word and salvation. By Your Holy Spirit, open our hearts this day to pay attention to what You proclaim to us. Soothe our doubting consciences with the certain knowledge that Your Gospel promises are true. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the nations, bring order where there is instability, peace where there is strife and safety where there is danger. Especially protect those who live and serve in dangerous areas of our cities. Give wisdom to those You place in authority over these locations as they deal with violence and danger. Through residents and authorities, make our neighborhoods safe and lead everyone to work together to promote peace and tranquility. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, through Your servant John, You give us a vision of the life of the world to come. By this heavenly vision, sustain those who suffer in any way [*especially* _____]. Use John's testimony to strengthen their faith, that despite their current afflictions, they may look forward to the glory that will be revealed to them on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Father in heaven, we yearn for the day when the holy city of Jerusalem will come down out of heaven, the day when You will fully dwell in the midst of Your people. Until that day arrives, strengthen our faith in Your wondrous promises as You dwell in our midst, in and under bread and wine. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

749 - The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His
self - re - gard - ing ways; The
heav - ens held their breath, To



mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A



meet the debt I owe. He
bare be - fore his gaze. For
love that con - quers death, Pos -



came my sin - ful cause to plead; He
me the price of sin he paid; My
sess my heart that it may be Your

Verses continue on the next page

laid his glo - ries by, For
sins be - yond re - call Are
king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He
Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.
died to bear them all.
lives to be my friend.

This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - - - men.

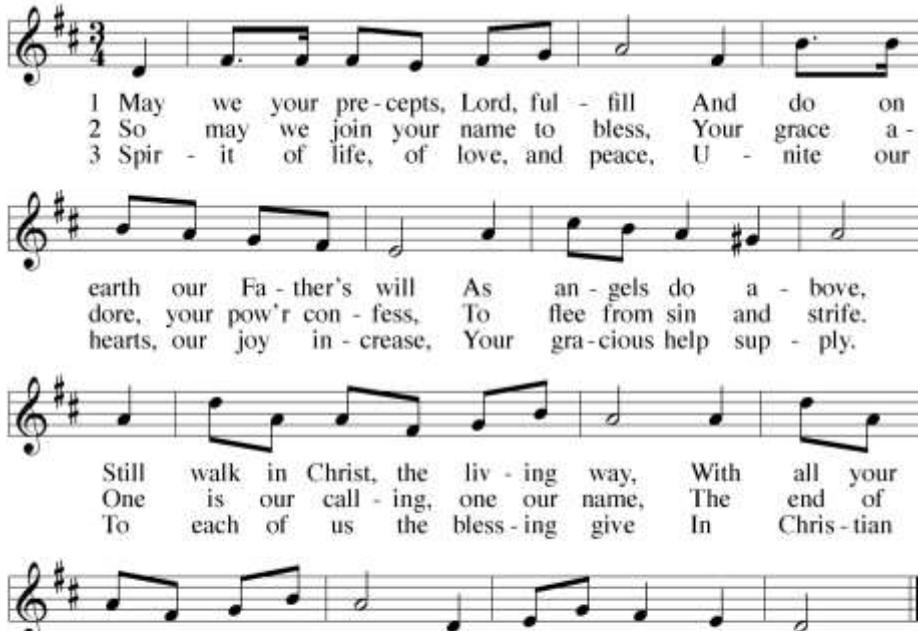
M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
 Live in harmony with one another.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

 The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

458 - May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we your pre-cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,
dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife,
hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra - cious help sup - ply.

Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian

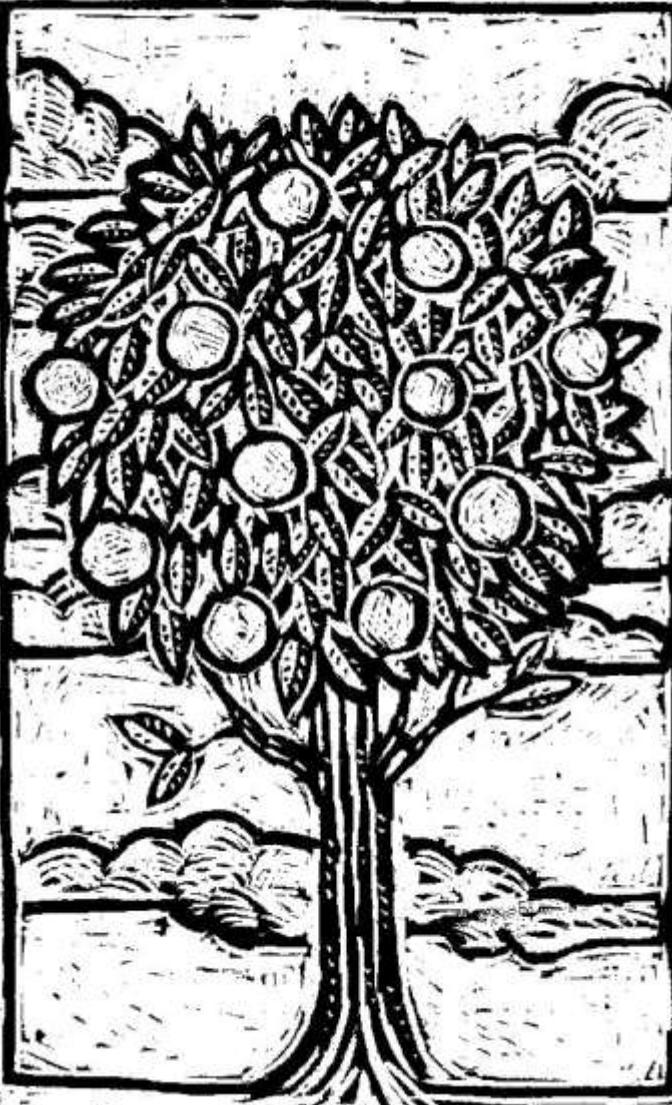
chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love,
all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798-1863, alt.
Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

CHOOSE YOU...TO GO AND

YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I



BEAR FRUIT—FRUIT THAT WILL LAST

JOHN 15:16

*As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you ...*

John 15:9

