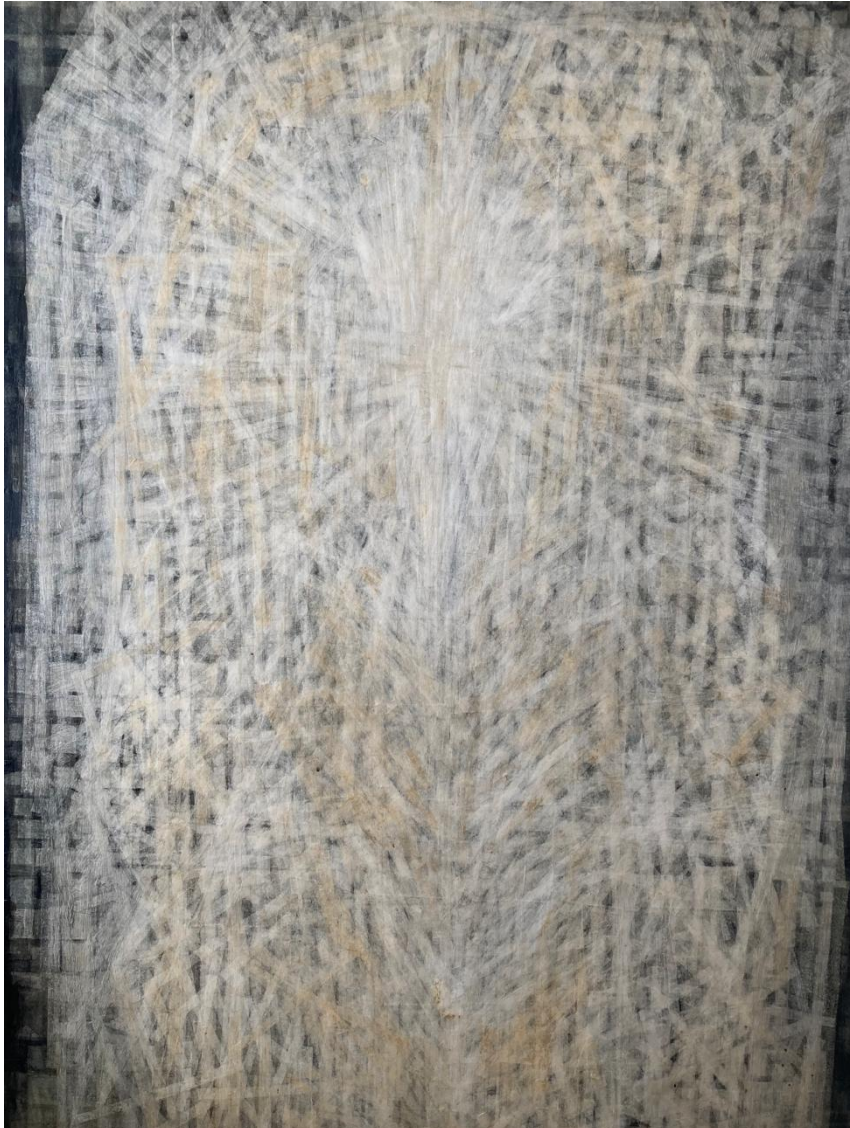




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Seventh Sunday of Easter



WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE - Prelude in B-Flat, Johann Ludwig Krebs

John Cribb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Water is poured into the font.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.**

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING

This Little Light of Mine #677

(red hymnal, rear section)

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No!...

All around the neighborhood,...

Jesus gave it to me,...

GREETING

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE p. 184

(red hymnal, front section)

REFRAIN

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the Water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pray together.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus],
“Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He replied,

“It is not for you to know the times or periods
that the Father has set by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said,

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?
This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,
a sabbath day’s journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying,
Peter, and John, and James,
and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew
and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus,
and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women,
including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,

**the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor**

Sing to God, O realms of the earth;
sing praises to God.
**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
whose strength is in the skies.
**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people!
Blessed be God!**

Second Reading: I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you,
as though something strange were happening to you.
But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings,
so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.
If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed,
because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,
so that God may exalt you in due time.
Cast all your anxiety on God, who cares for you.
Discipline yourselves, keep alert.
Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around,
looking for someone to devour.
Resist the devil, steadfast in your faith,
for you know that your siblings in all the world
are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.
And after you have suffered for a little while,
the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.
To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11

The gospel lesson for this Seventh Sunday of Easter is from the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning with the first verse.

Glory to you, O God.

After Jesus had spoken these [many] words [to his disciples],
he looked up to heaven and said,
“Father, the hour has come;
glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,
since you have given him authority over all people,
to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.
So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence
with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those
whom you gave me from the world.
They were yours, and you gave them to me,
and they have kept your word.
Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;
for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,
and they have received them
and know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.
I am asking on their behalf;
I am not asking on behalf of the world,
but on behalf of those whom you gave me,
because they are yours.
All mine are yours, and yours are mine;
and I have been glorified in them.
And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,
and I am coming to you
Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one, as we are one.”

This is the gospel indeed.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 when sorrows like sea billows roll,
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul),
 It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 let this blest assurance control,
 that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
 and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

REFRAIN

He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 my sin, not in part, but the whole,
 is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

REFRAIN

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 even so it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 And he will come to judge the living and 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness, of otherwise in need of our prayers, especially,

- Chris Senter - undiagnosed illness
- Cindy Haener - recovering from surgery
- Dan Sperow - recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Darel Sorensen and family, in the death of Betty
- The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose entire church building burned up on Easter Sunday afternoon
- Donna Cuvelier - friend of Gail B., numerous health concerns
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Heidi Carney - Diagnostic tests
- Kate Anderson
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Every moment there is someone else whose needs arise to our attention. We lift up those for whom we have not yet prayed for, including:

[Please speak names out loud or in your heart.]

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council, including Pastor Brian, John Cribb, Mark and Gary Orback, Sophia and Janet Lorenzo, Joyce Bauer, Gail Brochtrup, Sandy McMillan, Nancy Padilla, Nancy Koppel, Dick Williams, Andy Jacoby and Cindy Haener. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Generous God,**
in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 190

(red hymnal, rear section)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD p. 191

(red hymnal, front section)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION MUSIC - Elevation, Louis Vierne

COMMUNION HYMN **Let Us Break Bread Together on our Knees #471**
(red hymnal, rear section)

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us bread bread together on our knees.**

REFRAIN

**When I fall down on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
RERAIN**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
REFRAIN**

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
**Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN In Christ There Is No East or West #650. (red hymnal, rear section)

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
Join hands, disciples of the faith whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all living souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

John Cribb

Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer** for assisting in worship.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 1, Episode 6. New participants are welcome!
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 29th, at 9:30 am. Talk with Pastor Brian if you are newly interested in attending.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are just beginning a new curriculum, watching a video called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This is a good time to join in!
- **The Church Council** will be meeting this Thursday May 25th at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Coffee Club** will meet on Friday at the Nautical Bean in Los Osos, 9:00
- **A free workshop on Nutrition** will be held this Saturday, May 27th, 9:00 to 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the clipboard that will be circulated.
- Next Sunday, May 28th, there will be a **brunch after worship** sponsored by members of the church council. Please plan on staying for food and fellowship!
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events: morrobaylutherans.org