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**May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**PRELUDE****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****Pastor Brian Stein-Webber****THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 the wellspring of grace,  
 our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
 let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
 your voice thundered over the deep  
 and water became the essence of life.**

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

**Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
 into freedom's land.**

**In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
 entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
 and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
 you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
 freeing us to live as Easter people.**

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
 giving all honor and praise to you,  
 through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!****GATHERING****I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me #860 (red hymnal, rear section)****I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.****I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.****I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory hallelujah!****Jesus lifted me.****Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me....****When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me...****When I feared the news, Jesus lifted me...****I'm so glad Jesus lifted me...**

**COME AND GATHER**

*Tree of Life liturgy  
Haugen/Briehl*

**REFRAIN**

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life.  
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.  
Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.  
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

*[Verses to be sung by the cantor.]*

**KYRIE**

*Tree of Life liturgy*

*[Verses to be sung by cantor.]*

**REFRAIN**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy, mercy on us all.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Let us pray together... **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

**The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded  
that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles,  
for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.**

Then Peter said,

“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people  
who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 98**

Sing a new song to our God, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O God, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to our God, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to our God with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the rule, our God.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,**

**and let the hills ring out with joy before our God, who comes to judge the earth.**

Our God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

### **Second Reading: I John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God,  
and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

**By this we know that we love the children of God,  
when we love God and obey God's commandments.**

**For the love of God is this, that we obey God's commandments.**

And God's commandments are not burdensome,

for whatever is born of God conquers the world.

And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ,  
not with the water only but with the water and the blood.**

**And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Tree of Life liturgy*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**For you have the words, you have the words, the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

#### **Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17**

[Jesus said:]

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and abide in God's love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,

and that your joy may be complete.

**“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer,

because the servant does not know what the master is doing;  
 but I have called you friends,  
 because I have made known to you everything  
 that I have heard from my Father.  
 You did not choose me but I chose you.  
 And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,  
 so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.  
**I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”**

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet**

**SERMON HYMN      All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #634 (verses 1,2, 4-6)**  
**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
 bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
 Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all**

**O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. (repeat last line)**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
 go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all. (repeat last line)**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all. (repeat last line)**

## 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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for . . .

- Tim Gough - Aaron Brochtrup's father-in-law, recovering from a head-on vehicle crash
- Don Baccus – Mass on lung (Janet Lorenzo’s brother-in-law)
- Gary Brochtrup – recovering from eye surgery for torn retina
- Sean Cannoles -- health issues (Nikki Rocha’s cousin)
- Charleigh- breast cancer (relative of Nikki Rocha)
- Eileen Bless- terminal cancer (Andy Jacoby’s aunt)
- Sally (in her 80’s)- recovering from broken hip and arm
- Danielle Shields – 43-year-old mom of 4 kids with breast cancer that has spread to her bones.
- Carolyn Wyatt – friend of Nancy Padilla Cancer, chemo/radiation for a year
- Kathie Sperow – dealing with a new condition
- Elaine Grawe – adjusting to living situation
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Christian, Heidi Carney’s son – for peace and comfort
- Katie Edson and family – death of their mother, Mercedes
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby's – dealing with cancer
- Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
- Kate Anderson
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- James Hecker- for a permanent solution to his numerous health problems
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
- Karin Wilcox, recovering from cancer and facing further treatments (Pastor Brian’s aunt)
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- Peace and safety for the peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of gun violence

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation including outreach to La Iglesia San Juan Bautista, and cooking for community dinners, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You encourage us to expand our prayers for all the world. We lift up out loud and in our hearts these ones whom we have not named yet, who are also in need of our prayers, especially,

*[You may name names at this time.]*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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.... **Risen One,**  
**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**  
**May the gifts that we offer here**  
**be signs of your abiding love.**  
**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**  
**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***Tree of Life liturgy*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, 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***Tree of Life liturgy*

**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 your peace, grant us your peace.**

**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****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:

**Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
AMEN.**

**BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
Amen.

**SENDING HYMN      Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resounds #367(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings;  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you to:

- **Rev. Sharon Stalkfleet**, for preaching today.
- **Ed Ogren**, for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Janet Lorenzo, David Ogren** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling 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.
- **The Worship Planning Team**, for doing what their name says!

Events this week:

- We are continuing to learn a new liturgy today and through the Easter Season called *Tree of Life*, written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will be on hiatus until the next episodes are available online.
- The **Coffee Club** will meet on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Inn @ Morro Bay.
- The **Confirmation Class** will meet on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The topic will be the middle history of the Christian church.
- Pastor Brian's **study on the book *The Great Angel*** by Margaret Barker is postponed until Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** meeting will be on Zoom Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 on Zoom.
- The **Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
- **The Regular Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to 11:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- The **Church Council** will meet on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.  
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