

*~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ May 17, 2020**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *"Processional on Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

David Cherwien

Welcome

Opening Eastertide Prayer

**Our heavenly Father, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation: ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* LUYH #540:1-4**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

Praise the LORD, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.**

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**Praise the LORD, my soul.**

—Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

God's Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,  
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

Hymn of Praise: ***"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* LUYH #571:1,2,3,5**

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

Prayer of Confession

When we see God's holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness.

God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies.

Let us acknowledge who and whose we are;

let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and be what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the word of God from John's gospel that assures us that we are forgiven:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

—John 3:16-17

## God's Will for Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication: **"God, Who Touches Earth With Beauty" LUYH #736:1,2,4,5**

## **GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

### Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us with wisdom and understanding, that being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *EXILES LONGING FOR HOME: HOPE AND HOLINESS*

Hymn of Response: **"Take, O Take Me as I Am" LUYH #741**

## **WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

### Prayers of the People

Offering: Online offerings for the First CRC Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and ATLAS can be given at <https://www.firstcrc.com/give-online/>.

You can mail your offering to 321 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE | Sioux Center, IA | 51250.

Offertory: *"Finale on Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing (Gelobt sei Gott)"*

Gilbert M. Martin

Moment for Christian Education: Phil Van Maanen

Prayer for College Graduates: John Wesselius

Hymn of Dedication: **"We Will Extol You, God and King" LUYH #562:1-4**

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

### Sending & Benediction

Postlude: *"Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals, Op. 33"*

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Monroe

Elder of Service: Denny De Kruyf

Organ: Carrie Groenewold

Piano: Jennifer Monroe

Vocalists: Jan Brons, Janna Wesselius, Jim Bos, Peter Kuipers

Trumpet: Peter Kuipers

Scripture Reader: Ana Timmer

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