

Order of Worship
May 21st 2023 ~ The 7th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Let us sing....
Praise be to God!
Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.
Praise be to God!
Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.
Praise be to God!
Who continues to dance through our lives even now.
Let all that have breath sing praise to God. **Amen.**

— written by Katherine Hawker, on Liturgy Outside.

Hymn of Praise

Jesus Let Me Meet You
WS #141

Verse 1

Now in reverence and awe
We gather round Your word
In wonder we draw near
To mysteries that angels strain to hear
That prophets dimly saw
So let Your Spirit shine upon the page and

Chorus

Teach me open up my eyes with
truth to free me

Light to chase the lies
Lord Jesus let me meet You in Your word
Lord Jesus let me meet You in Your word

Verse 2

Lord Your truth cannot be chained
It searches everything
My secrets my desires
Your word is like a
Hammer and a fire
It breaks it purifies

So let Your Spirit
Shine into my heart and

Chorus

Teach me open up my eyes with
truth to free me
Light to chase the lies
Lord Jesus let me meet You in Your word
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Opening Prayer

Holy God, Creator of Life,
you call us out of our dark places,
offering us the grace of new life.
When we see nothing but hopelessness,
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.
Call us out of our complacency and routines,
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. **Amen.**

~ written by Rev. Nancy J.

Special Music

Just Because
Mack Bailey

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:4-8

NIV

4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev Dr. William R Shiflet

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Invisible Hands

JD Martin and Paul Williams

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

May The Mind Of Christ, My Saviour
RH #568

Verse 1

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say

Verse 2

May the word of God enrich me
With His truth from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power

Verse 3

May the peace of God my Father
In my life for ever reign
That I may be calm to comfort
Those in grief and pain

Verse 4

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting self abasing
This is victory

Verse 5

May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go

Verse 6

May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek to make Him known
So that all may look to Jesus
Seeing Him alone

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Closing Prayer

Eternal God, help us absorb your Word like good soil. Let us bring forth the abundant eternal fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

~ Adapted from Dailyprayer.net

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Mack Bailey,
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Greeters - David Crowley and Susan Kelly Crowley
9am Scripture reader and Prayers of the People -
Rebecca Paschal
10:30am Scripture reader - Montana Flynn
Altar - Sue de Campo

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