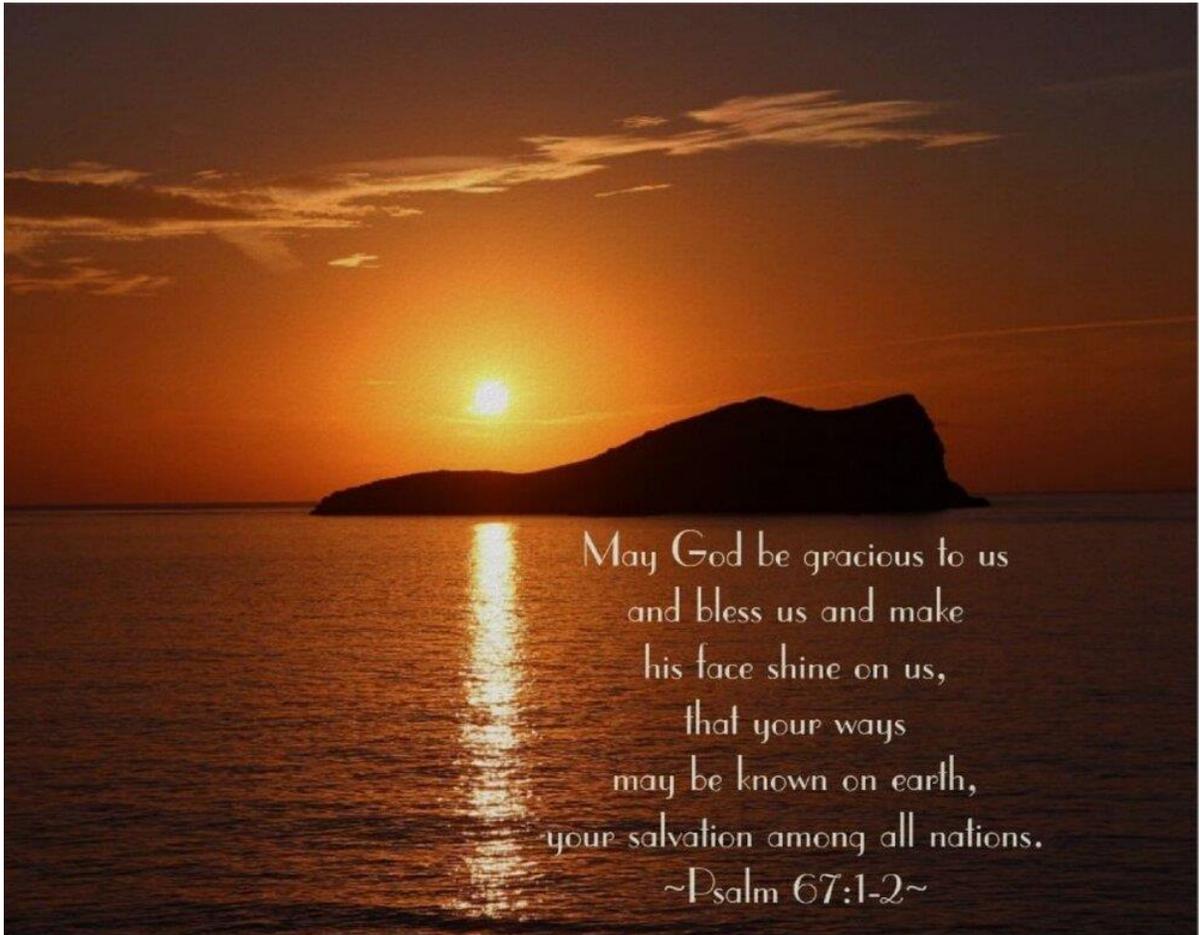


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Our Purpose is

“To live and love like Christ”

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EASTON
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022
10:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

WORDS OF GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

Dale Krider

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

ALL: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

ALL: Let all the peoples praise you.

*HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

PH #151

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled, but confess your sins, and God will give you peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing. Beloved, receive the peace of Christ.

***GLORIA PATRI**

GG #583

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, you sent your apostle to preach the gospel to women gathered by a river, in a secluded place of prayer. There a businesswoman named Lydia was led by the Spirit to hear your word as truth. You opened her heart in love, and she opened her home for the spreading of the gospel. By the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

**Please stand.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 67

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

**Please stand.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hymn of Promise”

Choir

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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MESSAGE

“Prayer by the River”

Acts 16:6-15

Rev. Jeffrey T. Howard

**Please stand.*

***THE APOSTLES CREED**

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

GG#375

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. [Refrain]

**Please stand.*

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

Soon we'll reach the shining river;
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* GG#609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor:... In this season of the Spirit, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the world, saying, Lord, send out your Spirit

ALL: and renew the face of the earth.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Please stand.*

***HYMN**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

PH#155

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

Dale Krider

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We welcome and thank our liturgist, Joan Collins, the Chancel Choir, and Dale Krider for leading us this Sunday morning.

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