

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Draw us to Thee, Op. 65, No. 34

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME

INTROIT

Sing Ye to the Lord

Everett Titcomb

The Octet; Samuel Libra, conducting

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

*HYMN 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Hymn can be found on pg 5

DUKE STREET

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Nathan Sautter

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people. We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness. We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control. We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires. We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven. Forgive us, we pray.

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

THE WORD

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jordan Akin

FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

SECOND READING

Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

“Hold the Wire!”

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle’s Creed (Ecumenical)

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 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 again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ascendit Deus in iubilatione
The Octet

Tomás Luis de Victoria

*God ascends amid shouts of joy,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. (Psalm 47:5)*
He gives gifts to the people. (Ephesians 4:8)
Alleluia.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, you heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The 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 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.

THE SENDING

***HYMN 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Hymn can be found on pg 6

DIADEMATA

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Now thank we all our God, Op. 65, No. 59

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IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Don and Carolyn Jester by Steve, Diana, and David Jester. We are grateful for the support from our church family during our time of loss last year.

USHERS: Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Connie Smith, Bruce Dudley, Joan Dudley

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION: The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Samuel Libra, organ, piano, and Conductor; Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Nick Moloney, camera; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor
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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The family and friends of former Weekday School Director Beverly Fulkerson on her death, 4/25/2021.

The family of Martha Dupps on her death, 4/14/2021.

Madge and Jeff Roberts on the death of her husband/his father, Gorman Roberts, 4/11/2021.

Cheryl Cooper on the death of her daughter, Courtney Cooper, 4/3/2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of May 16, 2021

Come to the Table, this Summer's Vacation Bible School and Project Serve will take place July 12-16, 9a-12p. More information and registration can be found on the Church's website, 2ndpreslou.org. Volunteers are also needed!! Completed 6th graders and up are encouraged to volunteer. Please contact Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries at lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org for more information.

Summer Hymn Sing - Don't forget to send in your requests for our Summer Hymn Sings, taking place throughout our worship services this Summer. Check STG for more info or email Virginia at vfortner@2ndpreslou.org

Join Us for **Summer Choir!** We are getting a head-start on our Summer Choir this year - rehearsals are outside in the Chapel Circle (weather permitting) on June 9, 16, and July 9. We will sing at the 9 a.m. services outside from June 20 through July 25. This is a wonderful way to join others in inspiring, fun music in a relaxed setting. High-school age and up are welcome - a great intergenerational group singing hymn-based anthems, spirituals, and music by Copland and others. Contact Jim Rittenhouse at jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org.

We now meet outside for our **9 a.m. Service** in the Chapel circle area. No reservations are needed for this service. If inclement weather will keep us from being outside, we will move into the Great Hall, and you will simply register your attendance upon entering Door 6. Please do bring your own lawn chair if we are outside. **Childcare is available** by registering ahead and our 11 a.m. In-person and Livestreamed Sanctuary service requires reservations as well - the link will come to you Monday or via the website.

May's Sunday School will be based on the Disney/Pixar movie, "Brave". "Brave" tells the story of Princess Merida, a red-haired Scottish tomboy, and how she has the courage to go against tradition to choose a life of her own. This story speaks to the value of courage, communication, and family; three things that are important in life as well as faith. Craft bags will be available in their usual spot underneath the portico beginning Sunday, May 9th. Videos will be sent out each Sunday through the Children's newsletter, 2PK, and will be on the church's website the following week under the resource tab.

The May Mission of the Month is Habitat For Humanity - During the month of May, we will be collecting tools and equipment needed for Habitat. A full list of items needed can be found in Seconds to Go each week or in the May Second Thoughts Monthly Newsletter. Please drop off supplies under the portico (use any type of bag or box) any time Sunday or during office hours throughout the week.

West End School - There are 10 graduating 8th graders in need of graphing TI-84 calculators and other supplies to help them succeed as they head into high school. The calculators are \$100 each. The Second Pres WES Committee asks you to prayerfully consider helping to purchase calculators and related supplies during the month of May to assist our mission partner in this effort. To give, please visit the church website, under giving there is a tab to give specifically to the WES project.

To **"Care for the Caregiver"** the Deacons will begin offering remote monthly Zoom meetings that will provide resources and education from guest speakers, and a safe space for support and assistance in finding solutions to a caregiver's most pressing needs. The Caregivers group will meet on the second Monday of the month in the late afternoon. The first meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 10. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact Beth (bethh@2ndpreslou.org or 895-3483) in the office.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life

Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music
Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries

Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School

Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant

Chelsea Beasley, Formation Assistant

Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant

Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Samuel Libra, DMA, Organist

Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
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Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper

Virginia Fortner, Worship and Music Assistant

Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.