

May 29, 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 390 - Set to a Finnish hymn tune, "Eternal Christ, Who, Kneeling signals Christ's ascension and closes with "Chris, may your Spirit guide us that we may find, beyond the things which still divide us, love's all-embracing bond."

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints! We have gathered in that grace to worship God.

Congregation: Rejoice in God and give thanks to God's holy name. Let all heaven and earth behold God's glory.

Liturgist: God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. All creation is subject to God's rule and reign.

Congregation: We bring our prayers and praise to God most high, We lift our voices in hymns of celebration.

Liturgist: Come, all who hunger, all who thirst; Be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

Congregation: We bring joys and sorrows, fullness and needs. We come with successes and failures; we come seeking.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 388 - "Help Us Accept Each Other" opens with "Help us to accept each other as Christ accepted us." is set to the same tune as "The Church's One Foundation."

Confession of Sin

Hear our individual confessions, O God, as we recall the ways we ignore you every day. Listen to our regrets over the abuse we have heaped on others by our words, actions, or neglect. We join together in asking forgiveness for the ways our church inflicts injury on members of the household of faith while excluding many who differ from us. We live by our own devices rather than taking risks to follow where Christ might lead us. Deliver us, O God, from empty forms to receive the fullness of your grace and the power to live as you intend. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri (Instrumental)

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles – Acts 16:16-34

Hymns of Praise (Recorded) – "The Simple Song" – shared by the Sunday School Children

- "Go Now in Love and Peace" – performed by the First Choir.

Children's Sermon

Lesson from the Revelation to John – Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory - Set to "Salley Gardens," an Irish melody, today's offertory ends when Christ says "Then I will make you fishers, but of the human soul." 504

Doxology

Gospel Lesson – John 17:20-26

Sermon

Times of Passage: Farewell

Closing Hymn (Instrumental) - Today's closing hymn was written by James Crawford who served as minister of the Old South Church in Boston. The text uses imagery from the Gospel of John to indicate that the church's unity lies in the rich and hope of loving service. NCH 47 - "O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven."

Benediction

Postlude

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