**May 05, 2024**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Communion Sunday**

**“Abiding”**

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**Welcome & Prayer**

**Announcements**

*Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome** *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship**Acts 10:44-48

L: While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

**P**: **The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit**

**had been poured out even on the Gentiles,**

L: for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

**P: Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received**

**the Holy Spirit just as we have?"**

**Worship Song** *“Shout to the Lord”*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You

All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing, Power and majesty, praise to the King

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hand, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand

Nothing compares to the promise I have In You

Repeat all

**Opening Prayer**

**Thank you Jesus that your Holy Spirit brings your creation into oneness, into belonging, and into unity. Jesus we confess that sometimes we make distinctions between people. But Jesus when we see you love us and pour out your Spirit on everybody, we remember that we are one. Thank you for this church, a place of belonging and unity. Help us to preach this message of unity and everlasting life everywhere we go. In Jesus name, Amen**

Please be seated

**Children’s Message**

**Joys & Concern…..*Gathered Prayer***

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *“ A Thankful Heart”*

*Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Offertory Prayer**

**HYMN** *“Jesu, Jesu”*

*Refrain:* Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

Kneels at the feet of His friends, silently washing their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,

neighbors are near and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;

all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

*Please Be Seated*

**Scripture Lesson** *John 15:9-17*

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Sermon “***Abiding”*

*Please stand*

**Affirmation of Faith** *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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Interlude: Be Present At Our Table Lord*

**Service of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you…………………...…**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts……………………...…..**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God….**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN**

**AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE**

**HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE**

**LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

*Please be seated*

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

***Singing of the Lord’s Prayer -*** *Our Father, which 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*

*BREAKING THE BREAD………………………………….GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP*

*Communion Hymns “Christ Be Our Light”*

*Please Stand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Thank you Jesus for giving us a secret place of love for us to abide in. Thank you for your body. Thank you for your blood. And thank you for choosing us to receive and live with you. Help us to cast off all our burdens. Help us to carry only you and a faith in you. Help us to love as you love us. Help us to love without strings attached. Help us to love into freedom. And when things get hard in our life, help us to go back to the abiding place. The place that we meet your great great love for us again and again. Thank you Jesus for choosing me. I love you. Help me to love as you love. In Jesus name, Amen.**

**Hymn** *“In Christ There Is No East or West*” Verses 1,2,3 # 548

In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;

But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord, close binding all mankind.

Join hands, then, brothers of the faith, whate'er your race may be!

Who serves my Father as a son is surely kin to me.

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction *“****“In Christ There Is No East or West” Verse 4 # 548*

*In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North;*

*All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth*

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**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

Reading the bible helps us develop and grow spiritually. We grow our relationship with God as we spend time with Him in prayer and in reading the Bible daily.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2024**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 - Psalm 1 - 1 John 5:9-13 - John 17:6-19

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**The Chaplain at Jeanes Hospital**

**is requesting men’s sweatpants**

**new or gently used,**

**sizes Medium, Large, and Extra Large.**

**If you are able to help, please bring them to church and we will get them to her.**

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**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy,*****please call Sue Creevey 267-847-6029***Our hearts are joined when we pray for others. It lets them know they are not alone, and they feel our love and compassion. No one forgets those who stood with them when life was tough or uncertain.

**Prayer Requests from April 28th**

Traveling mercies for Paul Wilson

John Wilson Sr is having hand surgery on Friday - prayers all goes well.

Prayers for the Gardner family, Justin Garder age 33 yrs died.

Prayers for Cocoa's parents. Cocoa felt watched on her way to church.

Kass Greenlaw's grandson Brandon was teaching her great grandson to play golf and he got

hit in the ear and needed 8 stitched in his ear.

Kass Greenlaw's grandson Brandon celebrated his 1st Holy Communion

Family has found a place for Sheryl Duke she will be near her sons.

Prayers for all in "tornado alley"

Prayers for Linda Sutton and family.

Prayers for Pat Dugan, her 40 yr old daughter died.

Marie Peterson is happy to be back at church. Asking prayers for her family.

Prayers for the Gittens family, Kay Gittens died.

Sonja shared the joy of having her friend, Joyce with her in worship today.

Dende asked for prayers for Sierra Leone

Continued prayers for Collingwoode & Marina as they vist Sierra Leone.

Prayers for Ken who was diagnosed with cancer.

Prayers for Eva Baumgartel's family.

Prayers for Peace in the world

Prayers for Pastor Brendan's Mom & Stepdad, Steve and Stephanie

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Dorothy Buzzard Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Cass Quigley Marva

Sheryl Duke Betty Brzoza

**For families, especially:**

Betty Sauerwald & family The Stefanescu & Mc Manus Families Jiselle & Family

Zilpha and James Browne Jean Bernard and family The Spotts Family

Pastor Brendan Van Gorder & family

**For an end to violence, for peace** **and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**