

First Reading—Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice:

“Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² saying,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders said to me, “Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

Then he said to me, “These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb’s blood. ¹⁵ This is the reason they are before God’s throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They won’t hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, ¹⁷ because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water,^[a] and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Second Reading—Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. ³⁷ About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, “Please come right away!” ³⁹ Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

⁴⁰ Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God’s holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. ⁴² The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

Scripture verses taken from the Common English Bible



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Richard Wright’s sister, Peggy; Mary Jane Lackey; Linda Bonardel’s brother, David; Terry Hatfield; Ed Mick & family; Jon Burlew’s brother, Eddie; Barb & Gordon Germain’s daughter, Janet Piercy; Denise and family and Kris Waldman, Bill & Cindy Fountain’s daughters; Ed Cook; Steve Vaught; Angie Butler; Paula Burlew’s mom, Elaine; Jon Burlew; Sherry Woodall’s sister, Ardenia; Karen Dikeman; Jack Reynolds’ children; Leslie Phillips; JB Pitman’s mom, Ada; Becky Pitman’s sister, Rhonda Roark

Current Giving

	Rec'd Wk of 5/1/22	Needed Weekly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$4,770	\$3,682	\$60,342	\$66,276
Non-Pledged	\$2,265	\$728	\$20,023	\$13,104

Assisting In Worship

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Naomi Judy
Ushers.....Katie Jones, Suzanne Kidd, Forrest & Autumn Brock
Sound.....Josh Jones
Coffee Plus.....Cathy Wright
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. Andrew Bowman

Elders:

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Forrest Brock	Bill Fountain	Charlie Leveridge
Chris Phillips	Kimberly King	Zack Vaught
Erin Stephens	Perry Waller	John Wright

Deacons:

Brenda Wesley	Cheri Gomez	Marty Whitson
Carol Ann Wade	Nina Wilhelm	Katie Jones
Cathy Wright	Susie Lackey	George Joplin
	Stephanie Ousley	

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.

Due to concerns about COVID-19, as well as the personal boundaries and preferences of others, please ask before offering a hug or handshake.

Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil system for people with hearing difficulty.