

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## May 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

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### Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

## Gathering Around the Word

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### Call to Worship

One: Happy are those who trust in the Lord;

**All: they are like trees planted by the water.**

One: Happy are those who believe in Christ;

**All: they will have the gift of everlasting life.**

### Hymn 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and we are strangers to the truth. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. So let us with confidence, confess our sins together.

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You invite us to share in Christ's ministry, but we ignore the calling of our baptism. You allow us to share in Christ's own life, but we fail to believe the good news. Forgive us, God of grace. Protect us, for we belong to you. Sanctify us in your truth that our hope and joy may be complete; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away and the new has come. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel, **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### Response

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

## Listening to the Word

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## **Prayer for Illumination of God's Word**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **First Reading                      Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup> During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said, <sup>16</sup> “Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry.”

<sup>21</sup> “Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

<sup>24</sup> They prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two <sup>25</sup> to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup> When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

### **Psalm Reading-- Psalm 1**

The truly happy person  
doesn't follow wicked advice,  
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,  
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

<sup>2</sup> Instead of doing those things,  
these persons love the LORD's Instruction,  
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!

<sup>3</sup> They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,  
which bears fruit at just the right time  
and whose leaves don't fade.

Whatever they do succeeds.

<sup>4</sup> That's not true for the wicked!  
They are like dust that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—  
neither will sinners  
in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD is intimately acquainted  
with the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

## Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup>“I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. <sup>12</sup>When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. <sup>14</sup>I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. <sup>15</sup>I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. <sup>17</sup>Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

Sermon

*“In Word and Deed”*

Rev. Darryl Baker

## Responding to the Word

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Hymn 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

**Affirmation of Faith--Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA) (In unison)**

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Sharing our Prayers**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

## **Dedicating our Gifts**

### **The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **Charge & Benediction**

Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Let the people say. **Amen.**

**Blessing**     Hymn 547 *Go My Children With My Blessing (vrs. 1)*     AR HYDY NOS

### **Postlude**