

**The Seventh Sunday
of Easter
May 17, 2026**

Gathering Music

*“Holy Spirit, Hear Us”
(VU # 377)*



Welcome



Announcements

Bible Study



Christian Living

All are
welcome !
Thursday
May 21
@ 7:00 pm
By Zoom

Each session is a complete unit,
so you can join anytime.

Lighting the Christ Candle



We light this candle to spread the light of Christ, into the corners which seek to hinder us from the truth - that we are all loved and we are all one. Amen.



Prelude

“Sing to the Lord”

Call to Worship

Christ has died (*blows out first candle*).

But lives again (*reveals lit candle*).

Christ's work continues (*lights the candle*)

shared by us all (*lights the candle*)

as we kindle a light in the darkness (*lights main candle*).

Amen.

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.



2

All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and Heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.



3

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest !
Source of Grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.



4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.



Prayer of Confession

God, we give thanks for the life of Jesus; His work among us, and for those who carry on Christ's mission.

We try to continue Christ's work, and pass on Christ's light, but sometimes we are scared we will be burnt; that Christ's work will be too costly, or too hard.

Sometimes we let the light go out; we let everyday concerns extinguish it. Sometimes we are reluctant to pass the light on: we don't want to share, believing our way is the right way.

(A moment's silence)

Words of Assurance

No matter what we have done, God rekindles our flames and equips us to continue serving. **Amen.**

Time with the Young People

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Children Song

“Bible”



We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully

Offering Prayer

**For all the gifts we have been given, we give
thanks: the gift of your love, the gift of Jesus, the
gift of life everlasting. We acknowledge our
mission to serve and so we bring what we can that
others may know your love, too. Amen.**

*(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have
sharing time.)*



The Scriptures

read by Derek

First Reading

1 Peter 5:6 – 11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Reading

John 17:1 – 11

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.

Choir Anthem

“Three Things I Promise” (MV # 176)

1

Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

2

Your love unfolded time and space,
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.

3

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

4

Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.

5

If I should live when vigour fades,
and family and friends are gone,
three acts of loving faith remain
when days are slow, and work is done.

6

Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.



Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Hymn VU # 559 *“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”*

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,
 tune my heart to sing your Grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
 call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
 mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

3

O, to Grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew !
Let that Grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

Prayers of the People

Loving God, parent of orphans and protector of widows, you have said that it is not good for people to be alone; you created us with a deep need to love and be loved. So when we lose someone close to us, it hurts, it feels like part of ourselves has been torn away. Our hearts go out to those who have lost their life partners, to children who have lost their parents and parents who have lost their children. We particularly remember (...*names of those who are grieving a loss*). Thank you that you are with them, inspire us to do what we can, too.

Loving God, who cares for all people everywhere, we believe housing to be a basic right but know of so many who don't have a home of their own. Some move in with friends or family and face overcrowding, some sleep rough in parks or under bridges, some stay in unsafe or unsanitary houses because they have nowhere else to go. Thank you that you are with them, inspire us to do what we can, too.



Loving God who provides for all in need, you have given us an abundant world but we find it hard to share things fairly; the rich get richer while the poor get poorer.

Pictures of starving children in developing countries and the war zones move us but we sometimes forget the needy in our own communities. Thank you that you are with all your people inspire us to do what we can, too. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer VU#960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.



2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.



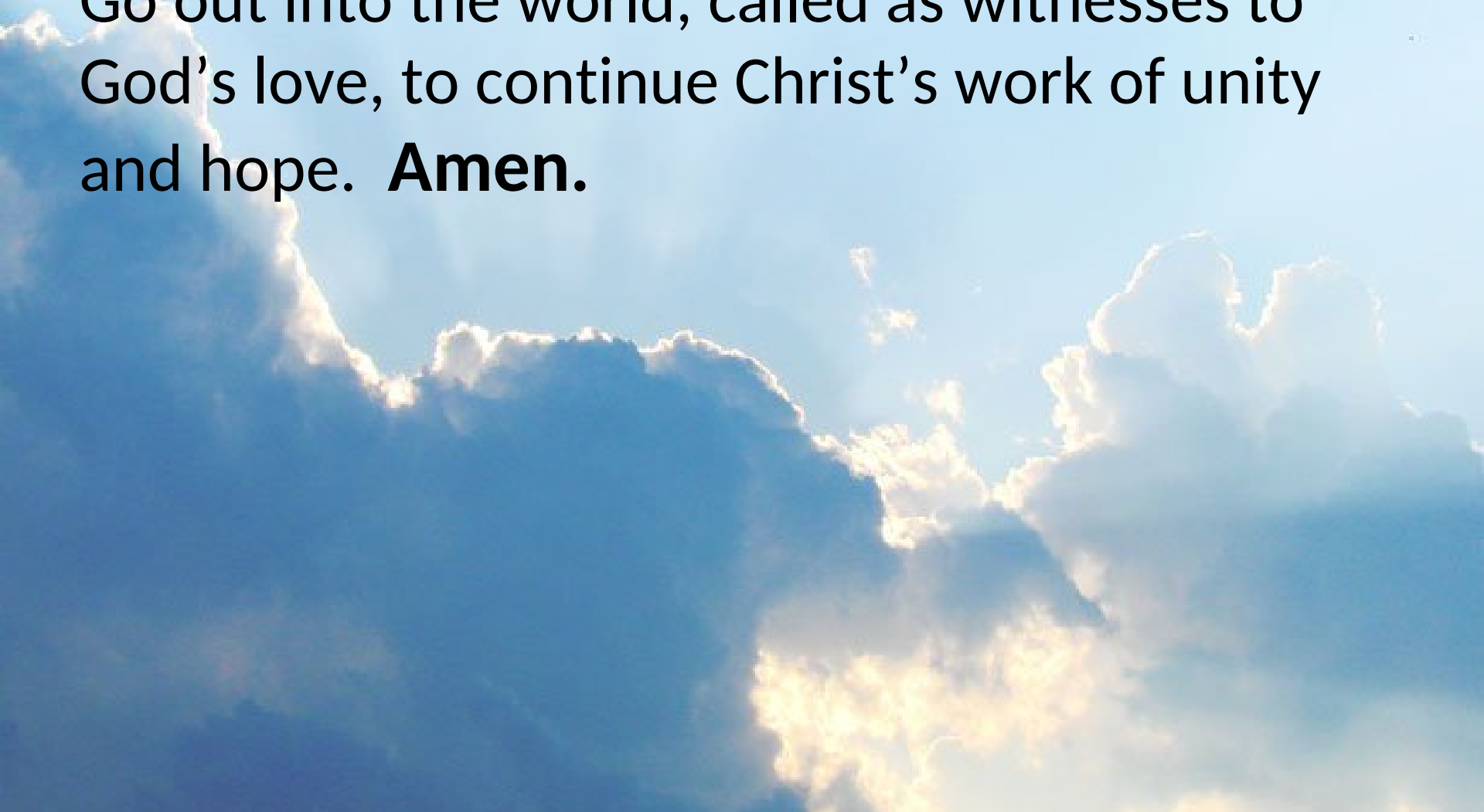
3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.



Blessing

Go out into the world secure in the knowledge that God loves you and watches over you.

Go out into the world, called as witnesses to God's love, to continue Christ's work of unity and hope. **Amen.**



Commissioning *"Go Now in Peace"*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of
every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and
true.*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world
can see.*

*God will be there within, around,
above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.*



**God, we thank you for being
with us.**

**And
thank you Congregation for
worshipping today
in person and by Zoom !**

**And
thank you for
your participation !**

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