

Closing Hymn #157 “Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound wherever he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

*Sending Forth

*Musical Gift “Joy Unending”

Smith

Music Director: Susan Thompson

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"Faith the Cornerstone"- Broughton c. 2007 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Holy, Holy, Holy" - arr. Smith c.1968 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Communion Hymn" - Getty/Townend c. 2002 Thank you Music.

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Bible Reading for May 23

Acts 2:1-21

Discussion Questions

• *We often pray to God the Father, and we talk about Jesus quite often, but when was the last time you addressed the Holy Spirit in prayer? This week's reading is the dramatic entrance of the Spirit into the lives of the disciples (and thus the whole world) from the book of Acts. Reread the text and see what catches your attention. How would you respond to the Spirit showing up in your life like that today?*

Church Council Meeting will be today at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday, May 23, graduates will be honored. Also, please wear red next Sunday for Pentecost.

May Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received May 9	\$18,035
Needed for May	\$62,235
Received for May	\$29,228

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	109
Online:	85



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Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, May 16

9:15 AM Crusaders (Rm 211)
9:30 AM Sunday School, Children, Youth (3rd FL),
Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208),
Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Crossroads (Rm 209)

10:30 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Church Council Mtg, FH
6:00 PM Youth, 3rd FL

Monday, May 17

2:00 PM Food for the Soul, Tenn Valley Outreach, L

Tuesday, May 18

8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, L
2:30 PM Prayer Team, L
5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, May 19

6:00 PM Youth, 3rd FLR
6:00 PM Trustee Meeting, L

Thursday, May 20

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, May 21

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ
CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall ,S- Sanctuary
L - Library, J-Java Jaay

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Love others
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Love God, love others, and serve the world

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift “Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Smith

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Clap your hands, all you people!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our sovereign Lord!

God is sovereign over all the earth!

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Let everything that has breath sing praises.

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

*Hymn #154 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him, Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

*Prayer of Confession and Pardon, Passing the Peace

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Hymn "Communion Hymn"

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us –
and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you –
eat and remember;
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you –
drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond –
and to remember

our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n, around the table of the King.

Bible Reading — John 17:6-19

—[Prayer]

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

"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. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 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.

"I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. 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. 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. 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. 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. I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.—"

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — "We Are Yours"

Rev. Miriam Smith

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer—

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 our thanks and praise.

We give thanks for God's creation and deliverance, concluding:

...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.

We give thanks for the Son and the gift of the Holy Meal.

...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.

We give thanks for God's presence, the Holy Spirit, concluding:

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

With the confidence of God's children, we are bold to pray together:

Our Father, who 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 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. Amen.

[While standing, receive the bread and cup. Then pray at the rail or return to your seat. Offerings left at the rail go to the needy. You may wish to receive with these words. If you wish to remain seated, please alert an usher and a server will come to you.]

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

*Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.