May 9, 2021 | 9:30 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
All are welcome! All races, ages, sexes, abilities, sexual orientations, financial circumstances, families, life experiences, ethnicities, gender identities, nationalities, colors...everyone!

Tips for getting the most out of this worship time together:
- Consider streaming to your television if you are able.
- Plan to stand and sit as you would if you were in the sanctuary.
  (Do you need to move a chair closer that would make this easier?)
- Download the bulletin to a tablet, or print it out so you can participate fully.
- Sing, pray, and participate as you would if you were in the sanctuary!
  (tip: turning up the volume a little bit will make this feel more natural).

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly stands.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.
Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.
Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.
First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

A reading from Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 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, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing a new song to the Lord who has worked wonders; whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation. REFRAIN

The Lord has made known salvation; and has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel. REFRAIN

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. REFRAIN

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. REFRAIN
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
A reading from First John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. (JOHN 14:23)

Gospel: John 15:9-17
The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

**Hymn of the Day: Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

1. Moth-er-ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
   morn-ing of this world. Cre-a-tor, source of ev-’ry
   breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2. Moth-er-ing Christ, you took my form, of-fer-ing
   your food of light, grain... of life, and grape of
   love, your ver- y bod - y for my peace.

3. Moth-er-ing Spir-it, nur-t’ring one, in arms of
   pa-tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and
   grow un-til I flow’r, un-til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413
Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1956

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Options for giving:

- Txt2Give (mobile phone)
  Text GIVE to 650.262.6880 or use QR code shortcut, then follow prompts.

- gracepa.org (online)
  Click this link if viewing digitally:

- mail your check to:
  Grace Lutheran Church
  3149 Waverley St
  Palo Alto, CA 94306

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me | arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee! (THOMAS T. LYNCH)

The assembly stands.

[ELW 748] Offertory Song: O God in Heaven

1 O God in heav-en, grant to your chil-dren mer-cy and
2 Je - sus, re - deem - er, help us re - mem-ber your pain and
3 Spir-it un - end-ing, give us your bless-ing: strength for the

bless-ing, songs nev - er ceas-ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u-
pas - sion, your res - ur-rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to-
wea-ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn-ful, peace for the

nite us— O God in heav-en, au-thor of love.
mor-row— Je - sus, re - deem - er, savior, and friend.
mourn-ful— Spir-it un - end-ing, com-fort and guide.

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Thanksgiving for the Word

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating an earth of splendor and for making us into a people of your own. With all the saints who have received your Word

we worship you, holy God.

We praise you for your eternal Word, for conquering the force of death, and for raising us up through the resurrection of our Lord. For your Word alive among us,

we praise you, living God.

Breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ on us, that led by your Word we may honor your earth and its many peoples and serve all who are in need. For your Word animating our Easter life,

we bless you, loving God.

All worship, praise, and blessing be to you, Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life, today and forever.

Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.
[ELW 619, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6, 8] **Sending Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives, my ever-living head!

4. He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to help me in time of need.

5. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**