

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

JS Bach
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98

Rev. Rachel Vione

Sing to the Lord a new song,

For our God alone is Lord of all.

Break into joyous songs of praise,

Let all the earth celebrate and rejoice.

For our God comes in victory,

With righteousness and justice for all.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN NO. 267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he’ll condescend:

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On Heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,

singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Compassionate and gentle God, you have created us in love to be your people. You have called us in love to be your light.

You have promised us in love that you are our home.

But in this space of honesty, we confess we have often lost sight of

these divine gifts.

**We have forgotten what it means to fully live as your people,
to shine as your light, and to trust in your ability to work in and through us. Forgive us.
Forgive us and send your Spirit anew:**

**your Spirit of renewal and transformation; your Spirit who upends our lives; your Spirit that
calls us back to you.**

**And then remake us in your image once again
so this congregation may move into your future with confidence and hope. We pray these
things in the name of the One who rose from the grave.**

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hymn No.33. v.1

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

LLANFAIR

*Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia!
saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
all who see and share God’s love. Alleluia!*

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 130

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:16-31

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

**In life and in 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.
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in 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.

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn No.1, v.1. *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Praise We Sing to Thee”

Joseph Hayden Arr. M.Luvaas

Andrew Warren, Ariana Warren, Dana Warren & Marie Michalopoulos-Warren

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN NO.269

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LANCASHIRE

*1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;*

*3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Choral Improvisation on Now Thank We All Our God"

S. Karg-Elert

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Edward Bell given by his family marking
the second year entering the Kingdom Triumphant.

Please pray for members and friends of our congregation

For all those who are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, essential employees who go to work so we
can be safe and healthy, for those who are working to bring the vaccine, Joyce Schorn (Alan Schorn's

mother), Gayle Latchford, Beto Ortiz (Lisa Huntley's son), Todd Dobert (friend of Sue & Eddy Ebert), Howard Heckman, Jr. (Diane Lobaugh's cousin), Charlotte Tippie (Leah & Jack Fink's granddaughter), John Bailey (David Dickman's cousin), Carol & Tom Dwyer (friends of Diana Montusi), Richard Huntley, Christopher Winkler (Joe & Nancy's son), Justin Yoskowitz, Lou Schmidt, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), Charlene Cosman, **those in Healthcare facilities** – Whisper Woods of Smithtown: Art Shaw, Sunrise Senior Living: Joan DeNigris, Atria: Ann Deery, **for the family of:** Jessie Shaw, **our partner congregations:** Nueva Paz, Cuba and Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida, Malverne; the Presbytery of Long Island and its staff; the Synod of the Northeast, the Presbyterian Church (USA), its Louisville staff, its missionaries worldwide

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