



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9, 2021  
Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Bless the Lord Oh My Soul (10,000 Reasons)”  
Jonas Myrin/Matt Redman  
Jaron Marcus, Pianist

GATHERING

*We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.*

Prelude

“If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments”  
Thomas Tallis  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

*How does thinking of Jesus as our friend affect our daily living?*

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Langfitt

Responsive Call to Worship

We gather to worship as people of Easter,  
people who know Life is stronger than death.  
We gather to worship as children of God,  
children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.  
We gather to worship as the body of Christ,  
the church called out for service in the world.  
Easter people, Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer of the Day

Unison

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

Musical Interlude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
Traditional  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie (You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy)

Ashley Young

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

“Praise to God the Father”  
Ashley Young

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation  
is the center of worship.*

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

1 John 5: 1-6

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God. Whoever loves someone who is a parent loves the child born to the parent. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep God’s commandments. 3 This is the love of God: we keep God’s commandments. God’s commandments are not difficult, 4 because

everyone who is born from God defeats the world. And this is the victory that has defeated the world: our faith. 5 Who defeats the world? Isn't it the one who believes that Jesus is God's Son?

6 This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. Not by water only but by water and blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

John 15: 9-17

9 "As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. 12 This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. 17 I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“I Exalt Thee/”I Surrender All”  
Arr. Labenske  
Jaron Marcus, Pianist

Doxology

Ashley Young - only

\*Prayer of Dedication and Lord’s Prayer

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.

SENDING FORTH

*Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
Ashley Young, Soloist

\*Postlude

“Forever Reign with Jesus/Jesus Shall Reign”  
Arr. Labenske  
Jaron Marcus, Pianist

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Michael Langfitt, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music, Organ

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Ashley Young, Soloist

Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual

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