June 20th, 2021

Scripture and Song Sunday

**Words of Preparation:**

*“Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!” Psalm 124:8*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

This is the day the LORD has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Do not be afraid; Jesus was crucified but he is now risen.

**He is risen indeed!**

In Jesus Christ God has loved us with an everlasting love.

**God has continued to be faithful to us.**

Let us worship our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

**\*Hymn #267 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**Children’s Message**

*(Children are invited to go to children’s church. Parents may pick them up afterwards.)*

***\*Hymn (Congregational Choice)***

\***Call to Confession**

With the psalmist, we pray that God would open the gates of righteousness to us— gates that we cannot open ourselves. We can only enter through them with Christ’s forgiveness. Let us confess our sins now, with confidence in the grace of our Triune God.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us for living as if we had no hope. We struggle to leave behind our limited perspectives and our dogged despair. Slow us down today, that we would be people reminded and motivated to be live as children of hope. Wipe away our sin, risen Lord, out of your great love for us. Amen.

***(Period of silence for personal confession)***

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Anthem “May the Lord Bless You”**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Keeper of our lives, you know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts. You call your people to faithful living. Through the storms of life that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter, teach us to turn to you for all we need, so that we may come to know your presence even in the midst of the trials that surround us. Amen.*

**Old Testament Reading Psalm 9:9-20**

**\*Hymn (Congregational Choice)**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

**\*Hymn (Congregational Choice)**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Heidelberg Catechism 4.001)

***Our only comfort, in life and death,***

***is that we belong—***

***body and soul, in life and in death—***

***not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior,***

***Jesus Christ,***

***who at the cost of his own blood***

***has fully paid for all our sins***

***and has completely freed us***

***from the dominion of the devil;***

***that he protects us so well***

***that without the will of our Father in heaven***

***not a hair can fall from our heads;***

***indeed, that everything must fit his purpose***

***for our salvation.***

***Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,***

***he also assures us of eternal life,***

***and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready***

***from now on to live for him.***

***Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001***

***Scripture* Mark 4:35-41**

The word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts**

The Lord is indeed good, for God has blessed us richly. Let us offer back a portion, in gratitude and love.

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

*(Please use this time for silent prayer and reflection as you consider ways to offer your life, your gifts, time, and commitment to God. You may give online at upctx.org/giving OR as you enter or exit the church sanctuary today. There are two offering boxes available.)*

**\*The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail; and let your people be restorers and repairers of the broken places in this world. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #379 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**\*Congregational Response**

**Postlude**