

May 21, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter

■ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Collect:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pre-Service Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Minute

Prelude

Choral Introit – “Cleft for Me”

Sweet refreshment of the soul, in my labor You are rest,
You the ray of light, the light from above.
Yet, I hunger for relief and my labors weigh me down,
Still I stumble in the shadows of the night.
When my weary soul needs rest, hide me, Savior, in Thy cleft.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Jesus, You're the Rock of Ages, cleft for me.

You are coolness in the heat, consolation for my grief,
You, the promised fount of life for us all.
Yet the heat lingers on and when hope is almost gone,
Still I thirst for living water in my life.
When my heart, it cannot sing, simply to Thy cross I cling.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Jesus, You're the Rock of Ages, cleft for me.

■ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*God's Greeting

Minister: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Grace to you and peace.

All: Amen!

Minister: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

*Scriptural Call to Worship – Psalm 98

*Song of Adoration and Praise – “For All the Saints” (TH 1)

*Prayer of Invocation

*Confession of Faith – “The Nicene Creed” (TH p. 846)

■ GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Epistle Reading - 1 Peter 3:13-22

Exhortation

Silent Individual Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon

Song of Rejoicing - "O God, We Praise Thee" (TH 105)

■ **GOD CONSECRATES US IN WORSHIP**

Gospel Reading - John 14:15-21

Prayer of the Church - Pastor Tallman

Song of Preparation - "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" (TH 195)

Tithes and Offerings

Reading of Scripture - Mark 2:18-22

Sermon - by Pastor Brian Tallman

■ **GOD COMMUNES WITH US IN WORSHIP**

Song of Preparation - "Behold the Lamb"

*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 Saviour 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 every 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 heaven around the table of the King.*

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Bread: "Give Thanks" (BTT 20)

Wine: "Meekness and Majesty" (BTT 112)

Pastoral Benediction

Minister: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in life everlasting.

All: Amen!

Pastoral Prayer

■ **GOD COMMISSIONS US IN WORSHIP**

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude