

## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 May 2023

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Silent Reflection** – “Mother Teresa was teaching a young member of her community who came from a well-to-do family how to care for the poor and dying on the streets of Calcutta. She said that when you see people on the streets, filled with disease and disfigured by sores, touch them very gently with great love and delicate care, the way a priest handles the elements of holy mass, for Jesus is there in distressing disguise. We complicate our faith and lives in many ways, but at the core, our purpose is simple: We are called to love.”

- Richard Mouw, *Uncommon Decency* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1992), 153.

**Words of Welcome** – At this time please sign the ‘Welcome to Worship’ card located in your bulletin this morning. If you are a first-time guest, please mark this on your card so we can send you a personalized correspondence. Welcome to all!

### WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

**Prelude:** (10:00)     *Prélude*     César Franck (France, 1822-1890)

**The Call to Worship:** (From Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Let us worship God.

### Prayer of Adoration

**\*Opening Hymn:** No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

**Great God of justice and mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your call and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed to love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive us our sin. Restore us to paths of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends believe in the good news of the gospels.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*Hymn to the Glory of God: Praise the Lord**

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

William H. Doane, 1875

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people re-joice! O come to the Father through Je-sus the Son, and give him the glo-ry: great things he has done!

**Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders (10:00)**

**GOD'S WORD IS SPOKEN TO US**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Psalm 25:1-7

Pew Bible p. 618

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Message for Young Disciples**

**\*Hymn:** (8:30) No. 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

*Softly and Tenderly*

**Handbell Interlude:** (10:00)

*Festival Voluntary*

Thomas M. Patterson (England, 1848-1936)  
arr. for handbells by Kevin Dill

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 7:36-50

Pew Bible p. 80-81

**Sermon:**

**HONOR**

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Jensen

**GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### Joys and Concerns

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these joys to you,"  
the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God.**"

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these concerns to you,"  
the congregation responds, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*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.*

### GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

\*Hymn of Commitment: No. 300      We Are One in the Spirit      *They'll Know We Are Christians*

### \*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: (10:00) *Toccata on 'All Creatures of Our God and King'*

John Behnke (United States, b. 1953)

**The Service is Ended, Go in Peace.**