



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP @ HOME

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The 7th Sunday of EASTER
May 24, 2020

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Martha Main, YouTube

We are Called to Worship

One: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

Many: **for God reigns over all the earth!**

One: God has gone up with a shout!

Many: **Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise! =**

Gathering Prayer - O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness always to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Song 1

Crown Him with Many Crowns, 317, YouTube

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Special Music

As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus Martha Main, YouTube

We Hear God's Word

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Song 2

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, 326, YouTube

Meditation

Spirit Among Us: Spirit Unleashed

Spiritual Practice of the Week



Spirit Selfies

Pentecost is May 31st. We'd love for you to celebrate with us.

1. Send us a selfie with a sign that tells about where you've seen the Spirit at work
2. Take a picture of just your sign that tells us where you've seen the Spirit at work
3. Send an image that represents the work of the Holy Spirit

Email or text your pictures to Pastor Sarah by Thursday, May 28.

Pay attention this week to the moving of the Spirit among you. Be intentional looking for signs of hope, resurrection, and new life. Even though we are not out in the world as much as we were before, that can't stop the Holy Spirit from showing up in your life. When you notice the Spirit at work capture that in word or picture. You're invited to send in a selfie with what you wrote about the Spirit at work. If selfies aren't your thing, you can send just a picture of what you wrote. Another option is to send an image that represents for you the Holy Spirit at work. Text or email your pictures to Pastor Sarah by Thursday, May 28th so she can create a collage.

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Offertory

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy in under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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You can now submit your offerings on our website through a secure PayPal donation button. Please know that PayPal receives a 2.2% processing fee and a \$0.30 transaction charge. You are able to set up reoccurring, monthly payments. Check it out on our website at www.zionuccindy.net/donate.

***The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Version 1

*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.*

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

***We Give Thanks (unison) – O God of all glory and majesty, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son, and his power at work in our lives and our gifts. Bless these gifts for the benefits they afford in bringing life to others in your name. Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the end of the earth as we love and serve you, O God most high. Amen.=**

Song 3

Shine, Jesus, Shine, 319, YouTube

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing - God's Spirit is poured out upon us to make our hearts strong with love and bold with praise that we may proclaim God's Son to the ends of the earth. May the glory of God fill you with praise, the beauty of Christ strengthen you in service, and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.=

Postlude

Benediction Medley, Martha Main, YouTube

Worship Notes: = Kimberly Bracken Long. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost (p. 158). Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition.