

# THE SEASON OF EASTER

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## *The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

### **Prelude**

*Poeme*

**Gathering**—Creator God, you call us. We say, yes, to your invitation and we gather as one to worship you. Creator God, you invite us to stay with you. You never leave us, you never forsake us, you abide with us, and we gather as one to worship you. Creator God, you love us. Extravagant is your welcome, great is your faithfulness, your grace overflows, and we gather as one to worship you.+

**A Time of Prayer**— Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for being with us today and always. You have gathered us here to celebrate you—our Creator, our Mother, our Father—with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Let our worship be all about you as we humbly pray for the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts, minds, and souls in tune with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.+

**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.

### **Choir**

*Beautiful Saviour*

### **We Hear God's Word**

*John 14:15-21 (NRSV)*

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

**Meditation**

*Our Great Advocate*

**Hymn**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, 442*

**We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**— We come in thanksgiving for God's great faithfulness and abiding presence. We come responding with generosity for kingdom building and to be avenues of God's provisions.+

**May Benevolence**—Our Church's Wider Mission

**Special Offering**—One Great Hour of Sharing

**Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**—May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you, Abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we have for your glory, honor, and praise. Amen.+

**Hymn**

*To God Be the Glory, 66*

**Benediction**—Our Creator God is with you and all around you—upholding, sustaining, loving. Go, and be Christ's justice and peace! Go, and be God's goodness and love! Go, and be the Holy Spirit's visible expression! Amen.+

**Postlude**

*Andante Tranquillo*