

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

God of all beginnings, you bring a new day and you promise to journey with me through the hours. Thank you for the breath and strength I have and help me to show compassion toward everyone I meet. Amen

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Carol Scoggins

*INTROIT #450

“Be Thou My Vision” (v.1)

Hull, 1912

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

*HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision” (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor. First, let's pray silently and then continue with the Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off

from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you 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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8

Bibles, p.103/LG. p.133

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Smith, 1867

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Psalms 27

Bibles, p.476/LG. p.619

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Fear – Facing Faith”

Rev. David Reeder

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“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 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.

– The Apostles’ Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #231

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers” (v.1-2)

Maule, 1988

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #231

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers” (v.3)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(* Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Rev. David Reeder is a Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator in Longview. He has been involved in pastoral ministry for over 30 years. David has a deep passion to see people's lives changed through the power of the Word God, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the community of believers. The aspects of ministry which he most enjoys are shepherding and teaching the Word of God. He enjoys reading, racquetball, and cycling. He lives with his wife, Sonya, in Longview and they have been blessed with 4 children, a daughter-in-law, and their first grandchild who was born this past January. She is really cute!

This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 05/06

Remember to bring H.I.M. items



*The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall I fear?*

PSALM 27:1, NRSV

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