

**7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

L: Sing to God.

P: Sing praises to God’s name.

L: Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

P: Sing praises to the Lord.

L: Let us worship God.

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Hymn of the Month GTG#510

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

Call to Confession

Confession is a mirror by which we see ourselves more clearly. Let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.

Silent Confession

Assurance of pardon

L: We are God’s people

P: created, loved and forgiven.

L: The God of all grace has called us by name.

P: God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us.

L: It is good news to celebrate.

P: We are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

“Tuyo es el Reino/Your is the Kingdom”

Tu-yo es el reino, tu-yo el poder, tu-ya la gloria
y siempre ha de ser., siempre ha de ser, siempre ha de ser.
Tu-yo es el reino, el poder y la gloria y siempre ha de ser. Amén

Yours is the kingdom, yours in the pow’r, yours is the glory
forevermore, forevermore, forevermore.
Yours is the kingdom, the pow’r and the glory forevermore, Amen.

Prayer for illumination

Open our eyes; open our hearts. May we hear your Word read and proclaimed so that our lives and our witness will be strengthened. Amen

Scripture Reading

Psalm 21:1-7

The king celebrates your strength, Lord; look how happy he is about your saving help! You’ve given him what his heart desires; you haven’t denied what his lips requested. *Selah* You bring rich blessings right to him; you put a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked you for life, and you gave it to him, all right— long days, forever and always! The king’s reputation is great because of your saving help; you’ve conferred on him glory and grandeur. You grant him blessings forever; you make him happy with the joy of your presence. Because the king trusts the Lord, and because of the Most High’s faithful love, he will not stumble.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading:

John 17:1-11

When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you. You gave him authority over everyone so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created. “I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and

they believed that you sent me. “I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Let us Pray”

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Lord listen to your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Hymn GTG 370

“This is My Father’s World”

Words of Gratitude

To God we give in thankful response for all the gifts God has given us. The money we give is but one way we say, “thank you.” The morning offering will be received.

Offertory

RESPOND IN GRACE

“Ocean of Love”

Ocean of love, fill us with love, fill us with love

Ocean of love, fill us with love.

Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

*** Doxology GTG#390**

“Praise, Praise, praise the Lord!/ Lopez le Seigneur!”

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!

Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!

Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!

Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!

Louez le Seigneur!

Louez son saint nom. Alleluia!

Louez son saint nom. Alleluia!

Louez son saint nom. Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Prayers of the People (See backpage)

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG#175

“Seek Ye First”

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

May your eyes cast heavenward give you the courage and energy to be about the work God has laid at your feet. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest, remain and abide with you today and all days. And all of God’s people say: Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

Prayers of the People

O God, we gather with the disciples' question on our hearts — is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel? Is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Sudan, to Ukraine, to Ethiopia, to Uvalde, to all the places where grief and fear blanket the lives of your people?

We remember the answer given: It is not for us to know the times (Acts 1:7) ... and yet we want to know. We desperately want to know. We want to know when there will be an end to violence and hate and oppression. We desperately want to know when people created in your image will exhibit love and care for one another as a first action. We desperately want to know when nations will turn swords into plowshares and leaders will lead with the wellbeing of the people uppermost in their hearts.

And then we remember the rest of what Jesus said to his disciples about receiving power from the Holy Spirit, about being his witnesses (Acts 1:8). And we wonder, just like your disciples 2000 years ago, here on the cusp of Pentecost: what power do you have in store for us? What are the ways you call us to witness? What would you have say and do as we continue to live a life of faith?

And so we return to our question: Is this the time, O God? Is it the time for us to claim the power you have given us? Is it the time for us to claim our role as witness? We pray for a sense of your clarity, your vision. Lead us, O God, in the ways and witness that will reveal your desire and intentions for your world.

As we immerse ourselves in your Word, we are reminded that you are the parent to orphans and protector of widows (Psalm 68:5). You give the desolate a place to live. Scripture shows us again and again how you care and love for the oppressed, discounted and ignored. Is this the witness you call us to? Would you invite us, O God to join you in this work — the work of care and love for the ones disregarded and casted aside?

Following Jesus' example of praying for his disciples, we are bold to pray for your world, your children and for ourselves. May our prayers give voice to the hurts of our hearts and the commitments of our souls. May we with honesty acknowledge the world as it is and pray for your guidance as we your disciples work for the world you desire.

We offer this prayer in the name of the one who taught us to pray, "Our Father...."

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***"A multicultural congregation worshipping together
where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2023

- In person hybrid worship is at 11AM
- English Bible Study will be Thursdays at 11:00AM.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesdays at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time will be on Fridays at 11AM via zoom.
- Next Worship Team Meeting will be June 13th at 9:30AM
- We will be making care packages again this year for the Bedford Women's Correctional Facility. Here are the items that are being requested. Please purchase the exact item and amount otherwise the prison will not accept the items.
 - 1) One Curel Hand Lotion Travel Size
 - 2) One Chapstick Lip-Balm (4 per pack)
 - 3) Two Pair of Tube Socks (White)-
 - 4) Six Taster's Choice Instant Coffee Packets
 - 5) Four Nestle's Hot Chocolate Packets

Chocolates

 - 1) Three Fun-Size Bags of M&M's
 - 2) Two Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bars (regular size)

Bags

50 One-gallon Zip Lock Clear Plastic Storage Bags storage bags

Cards

Blank cards or colored paper to write personal notes to the women to put in each bag. Examples of notes: "We believe in you", "You deserve this gift", "Just to let you know that you are being thought of"....things like that.

- Kickoff Drumming for the Soul will be Saturday June 17th at 3:30PM
- Drumming for the Soul will be Monday June 26th at 6PM
- Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer/Por Computadora

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/870270865>

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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for Israel, Palestine and Ukraine

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for Raquel Welty

Please pray for Theresa

Praise Songs and Hymns

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

We gather here in Jesus' name;
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here;
everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family,
of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread; come drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!