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God Said It, I Believe It,
That Settles It?

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Prelude in Bb Major

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Introit

Be Joyful in the Lord

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH 463

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine
erring children lost and lone.
2. O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Deuteronomy 23:12-14 (CEB)

The latrines must be outside the camp. You will use them there, outside the camp. Carry a shovel with the rest of your gear; once you have relieved yourself, use it to dig a hole, then refill it, covering your excrement.

Do these things because the Lord your God travels with you, right in the middle of your camp, ready to save you and to hand your enemies over to you. For this reason your camp must be holy. The Lord must not see anything indecent among you, or he will turn away from you.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem:

Stayed on Jesus

Arr. Jan Youngblood
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Message

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Rev. Tara Limbaugh

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Preamble

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Prayer of Confession

All: God of love and compassion, we often fail to understand the truth of your love. We are frequently confused and filled with doubt. Life can feel meaningless. We wander down the pathways of life, longing to see our way more clearly. Open our eyes this day, that we may see your way of love and grace. Meet our confusion with the truth of your presence. Feed us with the true bread of life, and help us change our hearts and lives, that we may follow you with joy. Amen.

One: God's promises are for us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God invites us into newness of life, forgiving and blessing us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion Musical Setting A

UMH 17

Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Hymn**

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

UMH 331

1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.
2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

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