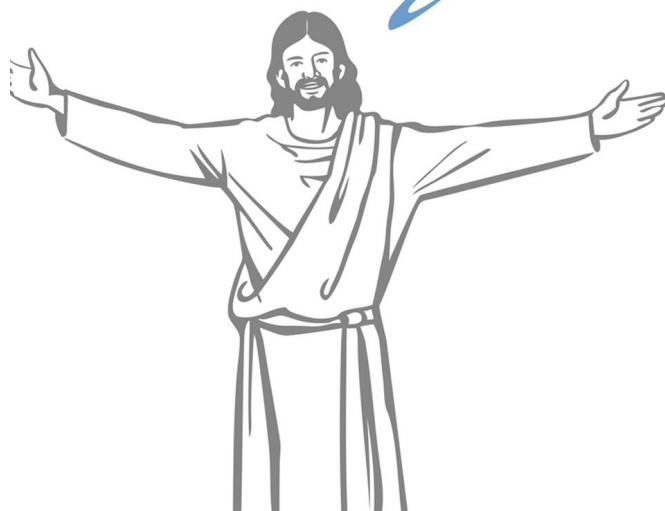


All mine  
are yours,  
and yours  
are mine,  
and I am

*Glorified*  
in them.



JOHN 17:10, ESV

**May 21, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

# "Seventh Sunday of Easter"

May 21, 2023—10:00 a.m.

*In John 17, Jesus prays that his Father will protect and unify his followers. In confidence that God binds us together as Christ's family, let us join in worship.*



In the spirit of Christian love and acceptance, we welcome all who have come to worship our God. May God's comfort and peace fill each of us as we worship before him.

If you are a member or a guest, PLEASE TAKE A **MOMENT** to **fill out an**

**attendance sheet** located in your bulletin and drop it off in the attendance tray outside the sanctuary on your way out after service.

## Today's Theme

"Unity Amongst Us" John 17:1-11

Jesus prayed for Himself and for His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane asking that God be glorified and for safety from evil. He expressed His heart for the Father's love to be reflected in the disciples, that they would be united as one. Jesus' prayer shows His longing for unity and love among His followers, and serves as an example of sacrificial love. This passage can serve as a reminder to us to be self-sacrificing in our love for others, and to strive for unity within our own communities.

## Coloring page



**Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane.**

# ✠ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship ✠

## Welcome & Time of Greeting

Pastor: Welcome Beloved Family of God to this time of worship. We are so glad you chose to be here with us today. Take a moment and greet a brother or sister near you.

## Time of Praise and Worship

### God Of Wonders

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
And as I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
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## Invocation

**Pastor:** Let us now offer to God our humble prayers and devotion.

**People:** We bow our heads and posture our hearts humbly before God.

## Opening Prayer

**Pastor:** Dear Lord, we come to You today in need of Your grace and mercy. You have given us Your Son, who has shown us the way to live in peace and love. We thank You for the gift of faith and for the assurance of Your everlasting presence in our lives. Help us to trust in You and to seek Your face in all we do.

**People:** In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Time of Confession and Forgiveness

**Pastor:** Let us now confess our sins to God and one another to obey the will of the Father, and to release pride, shame, and guilt from our hearts.

**People:** Loving God, we come before You with contrite hearts, confessing our sins and failings. We have sinned in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole hearts. We have loved ourselves or our sin more. Please forgive us. Wash our sins clean and give us a fresh start. With You, it is never too late.

**Pastor:** We are forgiven by Jesus Christ, our Savior. Let us follow Him from this day forward.

**People:** In Jesus' name we ask, Amen.

**Please be seated**

## ✠ We Hear God's Word ✠

**First Reading** ..... **Acts 1:12-26**

*This passage recounts the disciples' selection of Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve apostles. After drawing lots, Matthias is chosen and added to the number of the disciples.*

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. <sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke

long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.<sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."<sup>18</sup> (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.<sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)<sup>20</sup> "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: " 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, " 'May another take his place of leadership.'"<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us,<sup>22</sup> beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."<sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.<sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen<sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs."<sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
 People: Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading . . . . . 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

*Peter encouraged believers to stay faithful to God even when facing suffering and persecution, reminding them that these trials are a test of faith and are an opportunity to glorify God. Peter also calls on the believers to be humble and to love each other deeply.*

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.<sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.<sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.<sup>15</sup> If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.<sup>16</sup> However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.<sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?<sup>18</sup> And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"<sup>19</sup> So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.<sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.<sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.<sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
 People: Thanks be to God.  
 Reader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

## Gospel Reading ..... John 17:1-11

*Jesus prayed for Himself and for His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane asking that God be glorified and for safety from evil. He expressed His heart for the Father's love to be reflected in the disciples, that they would be united as one. Jesus' prayer shows His longing for unity and love among His followers, and serves as an example of sacrificial love.*

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. <sup>6</sup>"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup>I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

**Please be seated**

## Response Song

### I Will Follow

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow  
Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow You  
Yeah I will follow You yeah

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Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone  
In You alone

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow You  
Yeah I will follow You yeah

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow  
(REPEAT)  
You yeah  
I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah

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## Message

Please stand



# † We Respond to God's Word †

## Affirmation of Faith

### Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# † We Pray †

## Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

*(The prayers conclude)*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

## 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 and ever. Amen.

# † We Depart in Peace †

## Benediction

**Pastor:** We are called to embrace the unity provided by the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Let us boldly spread the message of Christ's love and acceptance throughout our community in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Closing Song

Blessed Be Your Name  
Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
When I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord

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Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

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Our  
hearts  
are, too!*

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