

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

THEME: As we celebrate our mothers, we are reminded of God's work of bringing us joy.

WORSHIP NOTE: The Sunday School youth will be doing various parts of today's worship: ushering, presenting gifts, greeting, acolyting, bell ringing, reading and sharing the children's message.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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Bryson Skaar Consolation No. 3 by Franz Liszt
Ryan Guenther Brazilian Holiday and Spanish Dance

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS.....

P: We confess our sins to God and one another:

C: Gracious Lord God, we confess our sins to you, the sins in our thoughts, words and actions. You command us to love one another as You have loved us. Our love for others often misses the mark. Instead of warmly welcoming others, too often we have approached people with cold hearts. Instead of extending Your mercy and grace, too often we have kept it just for ourselves. Forgive us today on account of Your Son—Jesus. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

.....AND RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in my Father's name, it will be given to you." Having asked for forgiveness by confessing to the Father, now

receive the forgiveness you desire. Jesus died for your sins and took on your punishment. You are forgiven. I announce God's grace and forgiveness in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 135

Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
unto His own who His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with You!

C: And also with you!

P: We pray together:

C: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you have loved us with a divine fatherly love, help mothers among us, and also fathers, to experience your love and reflect that love to their children. Light in us the fire of your love, and strengthen us for your service; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Acts 10:34-48

Peter proclaims and the gift of the Holy Spirit comes upon the Gentiles

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Epistle: I John 5:1-8

We love God when we follow His commands

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LED SONG **Rejoice in the Lord**

Rejoice in the Lord always again I say rejoice
Rejoice in the Lord always again I say rejoice
Rejoice.....Rejoice.....and again I say rejoice
Rejoice.....Rejoice.....and again I say rejoice

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Jesus encourages us to abide in God's love

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Justin Johnson**

SHARING ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE ENCOURAGED US.....

SERMON HYMN **This is My Commandment**

This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.

This is my commandment that you trust one another,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment that you trust one another,
That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.

This is my commandment that you serve one another,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment that you serve one another,
That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.....That your joy may be full.

SERMON **“Setting us up for success”** **Pastor Lucke**

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate.
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

OFFERING

We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

OFFERTORY [Hear Our Prayer by Ingrid & Janice Hellesto](#)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer**

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 41 [Do, Lord: Psalm 27](#)

Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Look away beyond the blue.

You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid!
You're the stronghold of my life, by You all things were made.
Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade,
For I move in the strength of the Lord.

Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Look away beyond the blue

**Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!
Even though a war surrounds me, You are always near.
One thing I have asked of you that I will seek for sure
Is to live in the house of the Lord.**

**Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Look away beyond the blue**

**You will hide me in Your shelter in the day of strife;
You'll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.
Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night,
So I'll sing to the name of the Lord.**

**Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Look away beyond the blue**

**Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in one.
As it was in the beginning, till our race is won
We can live in the light of the Lord.**

**Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Look away beyond the blue**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC