



*"We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others."*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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*This is the good news which we proclaim to you. Jesus Christ is raised from the dead! Walk in the light of his love. Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies. Come, let us worship the One who overcame death. Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. **Amen.***

—Nancy C. Townle

HYMN

There Is A Redeemer

**There is a redeemer Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah Holy one**

Jesus my redeemer Name above all names
Precious lamb of God, Messiah Oh, for sinners slain.

Thank you oh my father For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory I will see his face
And there I'll serve my king forever In that holy place.

Thank you oh my father For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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Precious lamb of God, Messiah Holy one

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

So Paul took his stand in the open space at the Areopagus and laid it out for them. "It is plain to see that you Athenians take your religion seriously. When I arrived here the other day, I was fascinated with all the shrines I came across. And then I found one inscribed, TO THE GOD NOBODY KNOWS. I'm here to introduce you to this God so you can worship intelligently, know who you're dealing with.

"The God who made the world and everything in it, this Master of sky and land, doesn't live in custom-made shrines or need the human race to run errands for him, as if he couldn't take care of himself. He makes the creatures; the creatures don't make him. Starting from scratch, he made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually *find* him. He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's *near*. We live and move in him, can't get away from him! One of your poets said it well: 'We're the God-created.' Well, if we are the God-created, it doesn't make a lot of sense to think we could hire a sculptor to chisel a god out of stone for *us*, does it?

“God overlooks it as long as you don’t know any better—but that time is past. The unknown is now known, and he’s calling for a radical life-change. He has set a day when the entire human race will be judged and everything set right. And he has already appointed the judge, confirming him before everyone by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-24

“If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!

“I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

“The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.”

Judas (not Iscariot) said, “Master, why is it that you are about to make yourself plain to us but not to the world?”

“Because a loveless world,” said Jesus, “is a sightless world. If anyone loves me, he will carefully keep my word and my Father will love him—we’ll move right into the neighborhood! Not loving me means not keeping my words. The message you are hearing isn’t mine. It’s the message of the Father who sent me.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain***

**Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.**

Refrain

SERMON

“To The God Who Knows Us”

APOSTLES CREED

**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 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen

OFFERING

Prayer for the Nations

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose
mercy endures forever.*

Amen.

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we**

have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will
love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

*Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

We lift in prayer

- *Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including Casey as well as the friends and family of Arlene and Janice.
- *Those who are working on the front lines during this pandemic, including Leah, Mike, Jennifer, Jessica, and their families.
- *Those who are celebrating additions to their families. We welcome Baby Levi.
- *Those recovering from surgeries, recovering or who are ill, including Tom and Linsay.
- * Those with ongoing health concerns, including Terri, Suzan, Chelle, Patricia, Felix, Taylor, Beverly, Rebecca, Clyde, Kelly and Luanne.
- *Members of our military, including Bobby, Wyatt and Adam.
- *For our graduates
- *For our firefighters and our first responders.
- *For our leaders at every level.



Thanks!
for giving

Financial giving is an important part of discipleship and of worship. Not being able to gather in worship in the building and "pass the plate" has restricted how we can practice our faith through giving financially to the mission of our congregation. Thank you to all who have thought outside the box and continued to give through the Tithe-ly app, through other choices of online giving as well as dropping off checks or mailing your offering to the church. The mission of the OSL continues. It just looks a little different now. Following the Church Council meeting next Sunday an updated financial statement for OSL will be emailed or mailed to worshippers. Pastor Deb will work with Mike on a way to be more transparent around OSL's financial mission plan.



Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm
Zoom Gatherings for everyone
hosted by Maysyn Sorenson
and Chelle Schefcik. We can
check in with each other and
chat!

Bible study will be on
Thursday, May 21st at 7pm
via Zoom.

*Meeting ID: 863 7676 7936
*Password: 084063



9:30am Thursday, May 28th on Zoom- We will study "I Am She" and check in with one another.

Pastor Deb's Zoom Gatherings: Meeting ID: 518-251-3825
Password: 882776

Pastor Deb's Zoom Gatherings can also be accessed via telephone:
Dial 1-669-900-6833. When prompted, enter Meeting ID and Password
stated above.

All women are welcome to join in! If you would like a physical copy of the studies, please let Josie know and she will get one to you. 605-255-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy,
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from
your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

There are many opportunities to gather online each week and keep our family of faith thriving! If you need help connecting to Facebook Live or YouTube, to watch and participate, please call Josie in the church office and she can walk you through it. 605-255-4662

Sunday, May 17th

9:30am OSL Sunday Service- on Facebook Live

Following Worship: Fellowship with Pastor Deb on Zoom

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Monday, May 18th

12:00 Noon Sr. Meals serving again at American Legion

Tuesday, May 19th

7:00 pm Zoom Gathering with Chelle & Maysyn – Short Bible Study Sneak Peek and Checking in with each other.

*Meeting ID: 863 7676 7936 Password: 084063

Wednesday, May 20th

8:30 am Coffee Time with Pastor Deb via Zoom

*Gather with Pastor Deb at her kitchen table for Scripture and conversation. Clothing required. Combed hair optional.

*Meeting ID: 518-251-3825 Password: 882776

Thursday, May 21st

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom with Chelle & Maysyn

*Meeting ID: 863 7676 7936 Password: 084063

Sunday, May 24th

9:30am OSL Sunday Service-Facebook Live

Following Service: Fellowship with Pastor Deb on Zoom

11:10 am Church Council meeting via Zoom

*Meeting ID: 518-251-3825 Password: 882776

*All services will be Live on Facebook at their scheduled times. You can also watch them at a later time on Facebook or YouTube.

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