## Worship Outline – May 24, 2020 (7th Sunday of Easter)

**Prelude** All Glory Be to God on High arr. Paul Manz

Introit Come Away to the Skies (Ramsay/Sharp)

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Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise and rejoice in the day thou wast born On this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return, return And with singing to Zion return

We have laid up our love and our treasures above, though our bodies continue below The redeemed of the Lord shall remember his Word, and with singing to paradise go Come away, come away

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Call to Worship

**Opening Hymn** 

Lord of All Hopefulness
SLANE

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Trusting and loving, no foe could destroy
Be there at our waking and give us we pray
Bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the breaking of day

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith
Skilled were your hands at the plane and the lathe
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray
Strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace
Hands swift to welcome and arms that embrace
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray
Love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm Voice of contentment, whose presence is balm Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray Peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day

# **Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus, you love for us to be one, just as you and the Father are one. But we gravitate toward those who think like us, behave like us, pray like us, because it is easier than looking beyond difference to discover what is good and kind and faithful in those we call other. Even in our houses of worship, we are slow to reach across the aisle to embrace our brothers and sisters in faith with whom we hold little in common. Forgive us, we pray. Make us one that we might continue the work you gave us to do. Amen.

### **Assurance of God's Love**

# **Passing of the Peace**

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

First Reading – Isaiah 42:5-9

Anthem High Lonesome Credo

(Ramsay/Sharp)

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We believe in God the Father, we believe in Christ the Son We believe in the Holy Ghost, the One in Three and Three in One We believe, we believe

We believe that God created all that is, seen and unseen, all is his We believe in Christ, God's only Son, God of God, Light of Light, from heaven come

#### Chorus

Born of blessed Mary, Christ became a man, suffered under Pilate, died and rose again Sent the Holy Spirit to the Bride of Christ, spoke by the prophets, gives his church life

#### Chorus

We believe one Holy Church and one baptism for our sins
The dead will rise to the life eternal, the redeemed will live with him

#### Chorus

**Second Reading** – Acts 1:6-14

Homily

Affirmation of Faith – from The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.

Offering

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands arr. Bonds
April Hill, Soprano
Matthew Mimbs, Piano

**Pastoral Prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Closing Hymn**

## The Unchanging Word

(Pierce/Reynolds)

We are called to go (we are called to go)
Into all the world (into all the world)
And to preach the Truth (and to preach the Truth)
Of the Word of God (of the Word of God)

- 1 And to future generations from the city to the nations
- 2 Bringing reconciliation through the Spirit of salvation

Our faith is strong (our faith is strong)
As we sing this song (as we sing this song)
Of the unchanging Word of God in a changing world
Of the unchanging Word of God in a changing world

## **Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Partita on Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul

Georg Böhm