

**MAY 21, 2023; 9:00 am**  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude:** "Great is the Lord"

*arr. Phillip Keveren*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*Eddie H.*

We may not understand all of the intricacies of God's word  
**but we know that Jesus told us to love**  
**our neighbors as we love ourselves**

We may lose our focus

**but we know that to live like Christ is our one true goal**

We may falter in our unity

**but we come together in faith that you will**

**empower us to join in *one* voice**

**as we proclaim your good news**

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, we have come here today to learn of your forgiving and healing love.

**We come as a people tested by the various trials in life.**

We come as a people who are flawed, and yet you receive us and call us your own. Be with us today.

**Keep our hearts and minds open to your redeeming mercy and abiding love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.**

#### **\*Sung Response: GTG 753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"**

#### **\*Call to Confession**

Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ,  
that we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus,

who restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us.  
Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness.

### **\*Prayer of confession**

**Merciful and loving God, our hearts are filled today with all the trials and tribulations of life. It hasn't been an easy road and sometimes we have felt so alone, without companions, without support, without hope. Bring us closer to you on this day. Forgive the times when we have turned away from you, choosing not to believe because we can't see you with our own eyes. Forgive us when we have mocked the faith of others, and yet hope to have that same strong faith in our lives. Break through the tarnish that has covered our souls. Help us to shine with your love; help us to feel your mercy, for it is in Christ's Name that we offer this prayer. AMEN**

### *Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Companions on the journey, those who ache, who are lonely, who feel as though no one cares. This is the good news! Jesus Christ loves you completely. His love and support are never ending. Rejoice! You are healed and forgiven!  
AMEN.

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)*

### **\*Sung Response PH 577 "Glory Be to the Father"**

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**First Reading:** Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35

**Second Reading:** Matthew 5:43-48

**Third Reading:** Luke 10:25-28

**Fourth Reading:** John 17:1–11

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Rung response:** "My Country, 'tis of Thee"

*arr. by Bill Ingram*

*Handbells*

**Sermon:** "Text – Context = Pretext?"

*Pedro Arellano*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**Offering:** "Let All Things Now Living"

*arr. by Gerhard Krapf*

**\*Offertory PH 592** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Lord, receive these gifts and the lives of all those gathered here today. Bless each one, that we may faithfully serve you. AMEN.

**Prayers of the People**

**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.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.**

**\*Sung Response: GTG 295 “Go to the World!”**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Go in peace, beloved friends. Remember that you are healed and loved. Bring that compassion to this broken world. AMEN.

**\*Closing Refrain: PH 537 “Shalom Chaverim”**

**Postlude: “Sine Nomine”**

*arr. by Robert A. Hobby*

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## **This Week at Church**

### **Sunday**

**05.21**

Pedro Arellano is leading us in worship.

Sanctuary & Zoom

10:15am

Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall

10:15-11:15am

Growing Connections

Adults/Youth Fall Prevention Training – Fellowship Hall

Children Church School – Classrooms 7 & 8

6:00-7:30pm

Boy Scout Troop 702

### **Monday**

**05.22**

10:00-11:00am

Staff Meeting

6:00-7:00pm

FMSC - Parlor

6:30-7:30pm

Endowment – Classroom 1

### **Wednesday**

**05.24**

8:00-9:00am

Men's Breakfast – Pump n Pantry

4:30-5:30pm

Hand Bell Practice – Music Room

8:00-9:00pm

Worship Team - Zoom

### **Thursday**

**05.25**

9:00-11:00am

Finance Team - Parlor

11:00-1:00pm

Presbytery Meeting - Zoom

### **Saturday**

**05.27**

9:00-12:00pm

Table Tennis

### **Sunday**

**05.28 Pentecost Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

Worship

10:15am

Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall

10:15-11:15am

Growing Connections

Adults Service to God and Country– Fellowship Hall

Children Church School – Gathering Room

### **Monday**

**05.29 Memorial Day**

Church Office is Closed

### **Looking Ahead**

Baccalaureate (Holy Family)

June 1

Graduation Sunday

June 4

## PRAYERS

Brian C.  
Gary G.  
Pat D.  
Gib D.  
Arnold L.  
Pauline W.  
Jesse F.  
Silas W.

Liam A.  
Jerry and Mary H.  
Chastity G. and Joan S.  
Jolene S. – Sister and her husband  
Lynn K.  
Sheryl B.  
Don V.  
Lynn M.

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

### Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
MAY 14, 2023	<b>76 IN THE PEWS</b>	\$2,824.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
MAY 14, 2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
05/08--05/12/2023		\$391.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
05/08--05/12/2023		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		<b>\$3,215.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
		<b>\$49,051.97</b>	<b>TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND</b>
5/14/2023	<b>6 Households</b>		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 05/14/2023