



May 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter



Worship Participants

Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath
Assisting Minister: Pastor Lamont Koerner
Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss
Hymn Leader: Phil Bailey
Reader: Tracey Thomas

On this last Sunday of the season of Easter, our gospel text takes us back to the garden of Gethsemane. Unable to stay awake with Jesus through the long night, he finally comes to his disciples and says, "Get up (rise up), let us be going." Jesus says, wake up! Look around. See what is about to happen. Before pandemic, were we asleep? Alive, but going through the motions of faith and worship? Alive but dying? Pandemic has shaken us from our slumber. Are we awake? Where to now? Back to dying while living? Or will we follow Jesus as he bids us, "let us be going?"

Prelude: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (arr. Jason W. Krug) [Elim Handbell Choir]

Welcome

Ringing of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW - 322 Oh Love, How Deep, verses 1 & 7*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Jesus you urge us to rise up, to walk with you in newly resurrected life. By your Spirit transform us into your joyous witnesses and servants, for the sake of all peoples and your whole beloved creation. Hear our prayer O God, in Jesus' name, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Gospel: Mark 14:32-42

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW - 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness, verses 1 & 3*

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Communion - Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Table Blessing/Prayer

Special Music: *How Can I Keep From Singing?* (arr. Mitchell Eithun/handbells and Sandra Eithun/piano)
[Elim Handbell Ensemble w/Janet Beckman, accompanist; Sylvia Mills, soloist]

Blessing and Sending

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com/). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]