

*God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, The Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family*



*The Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord and the Celebration of Communion*

**Prelude.....Music Ministry**

**Doxology**      *Praise God from whom all blessing flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Call to Worship.....Pastor Ronald Sterling**

**Minister:**      I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord! Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

**People:**      **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand, elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

**Minister:**      For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**People:** They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.

**Minister:** O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

**People:** But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

**Minister:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

**People:** O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!

**Hymn of Celebration....."To God Be The Glory"**

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**Prayer.....Brother Brian Ransom**

**Prayer Response....."I Need Thee"**

*I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.*

Refrain

*I need Thee, O I need Thee,  
Every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!*

**Scripture.....Sherri Radney**

**John 14:1-14 (ESV)**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.” Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

**Introit to the Decalogue**

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise:  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, by every tongue*

**Contemporary Decalogue.....Rev. Laurel J. Thornton**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.  
You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not commit murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not be a false witness.  
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.*

**Pastor's Words, Birthdays and Greetings to Visitors**

**Blessing of the Offertory (Tithes / Offerings / Benevolent)**

**Sermonic Selection.....Music Ministry**

**Sermon.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Communion Hymn....."Let Us Break Bread Together"**

*Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;*

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees...  
Let us praise God together on our knees...*

**Communion Elevation....."Holy Art Thou, Lord God Almighty"  
by G. F. Händel**

**The Solicitation**

**The General Confession**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**The First Collect**

**The Second Collect**

**The Prayer of Adoration**

**The Prayer of Humiliation**

**The Prayer of Consecration**

**The Elements**

**The Prayer (*Lord's Prayer or extemporaneous prayer*)**

**Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day, He arose from the Dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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**Benediction**.....**Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling**

**Postlude**.....**"African March"**  
by G. Sadoh