

Worship at Ebenezer

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2012



Reaching out to draw others to Christ.

We place Jesus first in all that we do.
We share Christ wherever we are.
We welcome a diversity of believers and skeptics to experience Christ with us.
We seek to deepen our faith and discipleship.
We embrace the gifts of each and all.

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**Welcome to
Ebenezer**

◆ We hope you find this time of worship spiritual-ly uplifting and meaningful. We ask that members and guests complete the "Welcome" insert and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms are located in the Education Building. For assistance, please see an usher.

**To Parents with
Small Children:**

◆ A nursery for children 3 years old and younger is available during 11:00 am worship and Sunday School (9:45 am). The nursery is located across from the church library in the Education Building. Our attendants are trained and willing to help! Because many young children are unable to sit through the entirety of worship, parents are welcome to use the nursery for part or all of the worship service. Pagers are available should the nursery staff need to contact you.

**How We Commune
(New Life)**

◆ All baptized worshipers are invited to share in the Eucharist, regardless of denominational background. You will receive the bread in your hand. Please dip the bread into the wine before placing it in your mouth. Children who do not receive the sacrament are asked to fold their arms across their chest while waiting for a blessing. Grape juice, for those unable to receive wine, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

NEW LIFE EUCHARIST (CHAPEL) 11:00 AM

*We stand as able.

G A T H E R I N G

*Gathering Songs Spirit Song W&P 130
Morning Has Broken W&P 98

*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 3)

*Sharing God's Peace

*Singing God's Praises Sing a New Song W&P 125

*Prayer of the Day

Announcements

W O R D

Children's Message

Sharing the Word 1 John 5:1-6 (see page 5)

John 15:9-17 (see page 6)

Message of the Day Pastor Pingel

*Song of the Day Bring Forth the Kingdom W&P 22

*Nicene Creed (see page 6)

Sharing Joys and Sorrows - Prayers

M E A L

Offering We worship with our tithes and offerings.

Musical Offering Blessed Be the Name of the Lord Clinton Utterbach

*Offering Song Give Thanks W&P 41

*Supper Prayer and Remembering

*The Lord's Prayer (sung) David Haas

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,

for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Distribution Songs I Am the Bread of Life ELW 485

Amazing Love W&P 8

Song after Communion Blessed Be the Name of the Lord Don Moen

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

he is worthy to be praised and adored.

So we lift up holy hands in one accord,

singing, "Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name of the Lord."

S E N D I N G

*Sending Song Shout to the Lord W&P 124

*Blessing

Go and serve the God who loves you.

We will with thanks to God. Amen.

*The Holy Spirit
gathers us together
as the people of
God.*

HOLY EUCHARIST (CHURCH) 8:30 AND 11:00 AM

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

GATHERING

Music at the Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

We stand.

Gathering Song

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymn 392

*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading,
preaching
and song.*

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Canticle of Praise

This is the feast...

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: O God,

you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.

Pour into our hearts such love for you

that, loving you above all things,

we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire;

through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

Announcements

WORD

Children's Choir

Everywhere You Go

Nathalie Sleeth

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

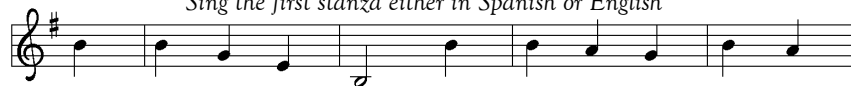
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Cantad al Señor (Oh, Sing to the Lord)

Sing the first stanza either in Spanish or English



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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God's children
believe that Jesus is
the Messiah and love
God by keeping
God's command-
ments. Thus the
world is conquered
not through military
might but through
love and faith.

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Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa- | ther will love them,
and we will come to them and make our | home with them.
(repeat Acclamation)

Gospel: John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:]

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor Buchan

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn 742

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

*God feeds us with
the presence of
Jesus Christ.*

How
We
Commune

All baptized worshipers are invited to share in the Eucharist, regardless of denominational background. You will receive the bread in your hand. Please dip the bread into the wine before placing it in your mouth.

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He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.

We kneel as able.

The prayers conclude: Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

We stand.

Sharing of the Peace (*we share the peace of the risen Christ*)

We sit.

M E A L

Offering *We worship with our tithes and offerings.*

Musical Offering *No Greater Love* Michael Joncas

We stand.

Offertory Song *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering Prayer

Let us pray: Blessed are you,
O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (*sung*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; the assembly responds:

Holy, holy, holy...

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Eucharistic Prayer IV

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you...(the minister continues)

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
(sung) **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
(sung) **Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer

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We sit.

Communion

Distribution Music

Lamb of God...
Motet: If Ye Love Me
I Am the Bread of Life
I Come with Joy

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Thomas Tallis
Hymn 485
Hymn 482

When all have returned to their places, we kneel as able.

Communion Blessing

We stand.

Communion Canticle *God's Paschal Lamb is Sacrificed for Us* SINE NOMINE
God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

S E N D I N G

Blessing
Sending Song
Dismissal

Let All Things Now Living

Hymn 881

*God blesses us
and sends us in
mission to the
world.*



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