



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

**PRELUDE**.....Linda Duvall

*I Will Celebrate*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Grant Gonsalves

Leader: Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.  
Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

**PEOPLE: WE HAVE COME TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.  
WE HAVE BROUGHT WITH US ALL THAT WEIGHS US DOWN.**

Leader: Let voices of praise greet the One who call us.  
Be glad together and sing for joy.

**PEOPLE: OUR HEARTS RESPOND WITH HOPE FOR A NEW DAY.  
OUR VOICES JOIN IN THANKFUL PRAYERS AND PRAISE.**

Leader: God reigns among us and fills the world with light.  
We are invited to make our home with the living God.

**UNISON: MAY GOD'S WAYS BE KNOWN WITHIN AND AMONG US.  
MAY GOD GUIDE ALL NATIONS IN WAYS OF PEACE.**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**.....Danika Kincaid

**\*WORSHIP HYMN**.....Chris Tomlin

*How great is Our God*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Maker of all things, Ruler of all peoples of the earth, we bring our prayers of thanksgiving and praise. You have provided the water of life for our baptism. You have fed us with the fruits of the earth and nourished us through Your Words. Meet us again in the joyous encounter of worship lest we forget the source of all we have and all that we are. Let the people praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying, "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 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**.....CH. 35

*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

**FIRST READING** (pg. 877).....John 14:23-29

**ANTHEM**.....Peter Scholtes

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

**SECOND READING** (pg. 1008).....Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

**MESSAGE**.....Pastor Mark E. Poindexter

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**MORNING PRAYER**

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY**.....David Haas

*You Are Mine*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

For the hospitality of Your good earth, for the people You have given us to love, for the tasks You have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and an evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that Your reign of light may be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach. Amen.

**GIVE THANKS**.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH. 425

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD**.....Lois Pyles

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Steve Gray

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**.....Rowland Prichard

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 464 (vs. 1, 2, 5)**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Leila & Joe Huerta**

*Go Out with Joy*

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth remain in church

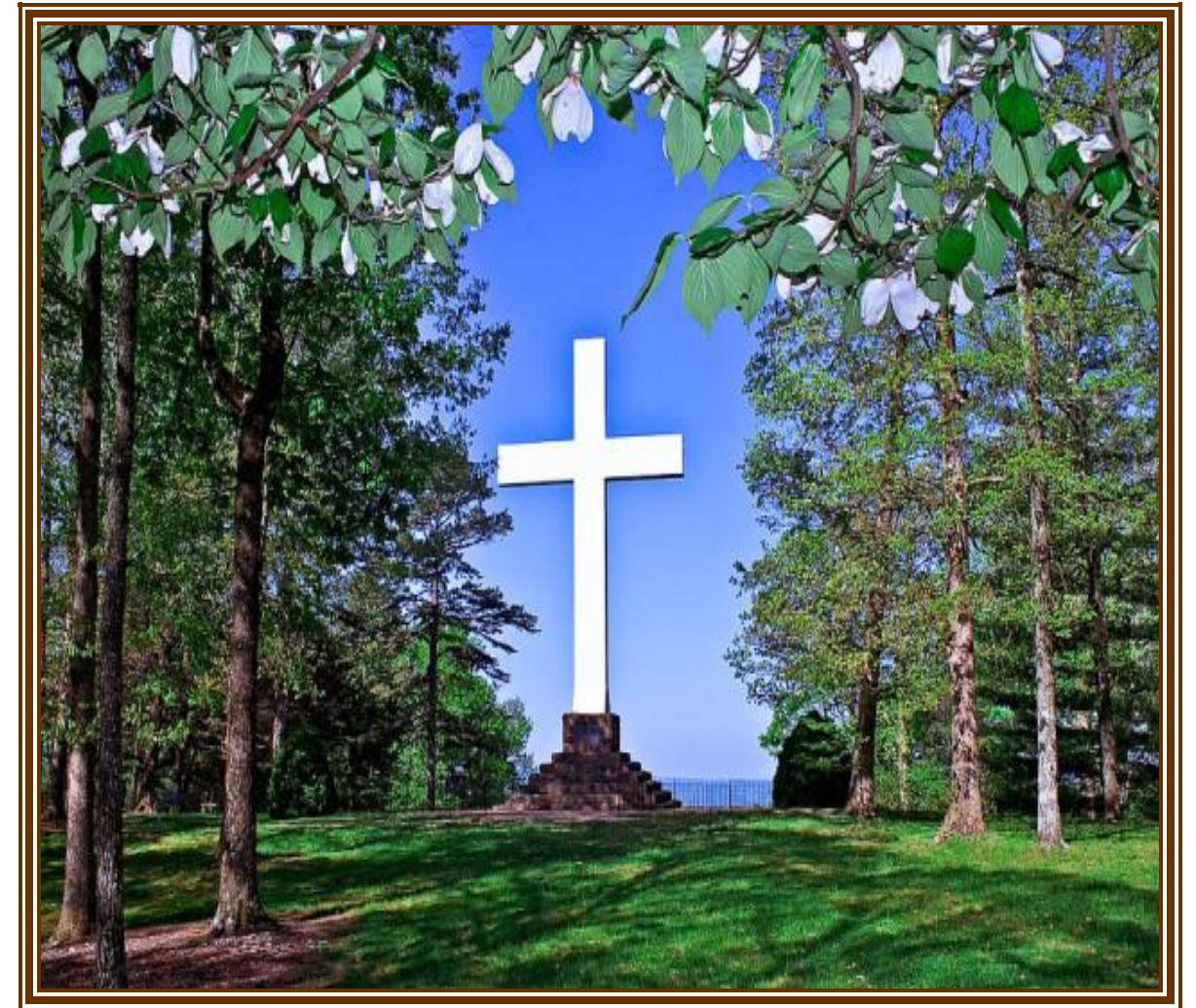
**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Mike Wyatt, Mary Peris, Nathan Loftis



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.  
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence  
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



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***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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