



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016  
MOTHER'S DAY

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

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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.....Old Hundreth  
*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Ivy Kelly

Leader: The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints!  
We have gathered in that grace to worship God.

PEOPLE: **REJOICE IN GOD AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD'S HOLY NAME.  
LET ALL HEAVEN AND EARTH BEHOLD GOD'S GLORY.**

Leader: God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.  
All creation is subject to God's rule and reign.

PEOPLE: **WE BRING OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD MOST HIGH,  
WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN HYMNS OF CELEBRATION.**

Leader: Come, all who hunger, all who thirst;  
Be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

UNISON: **WE BRING JOYS AND SORROWS, FULLNESS AND NEEDS.  
WE COME WITH SUCCESSES AND FAILURES; WE COME SEEKING.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Evelyn Bley

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....Pete Sanchez, Jr.  
*I Exalt Thee*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We come seeking a presence that shakes foundations and helps us build new ones. We come with all our wounds, asking for healing. We come, remembering our baptism and wanting to claim the difference that makes in our lives. We come through the shadowy clouds of our unbelief, seeking the brightness of Your glory, O God. We want a faith to sustain us through times of trial and testing. Be powerfully present with us, gracious Spirit. 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. 480).....Psalm 97

ANTHEM.....Dave & Jean Perry  
*Special Moments*

SECOND READING (pg. 880).....John 17:20-26

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Esther Watanabe  
*I Will Bless Thee, O Lord*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With joy and gladness, we dedicate our gifts to the service of Jesus Christ. May the abused find solace and courage; abusers be led to new awareness, sensitivity, and change; prisoners know release from bondage; and all humankind be led to accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ. To this end, we offer ourselves with these gifts. Use us as ambassadors of Your love. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 404  
*A Hymn of Joy We Sing*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Bob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Cheryl Jarvis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Moses Hogan  
*Give Me Jesus*

*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. 86**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*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.....Jacques Berthier**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

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

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Sharon Jenson, Megan Baines, Zach Lowman, Shannon Houck



*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!*



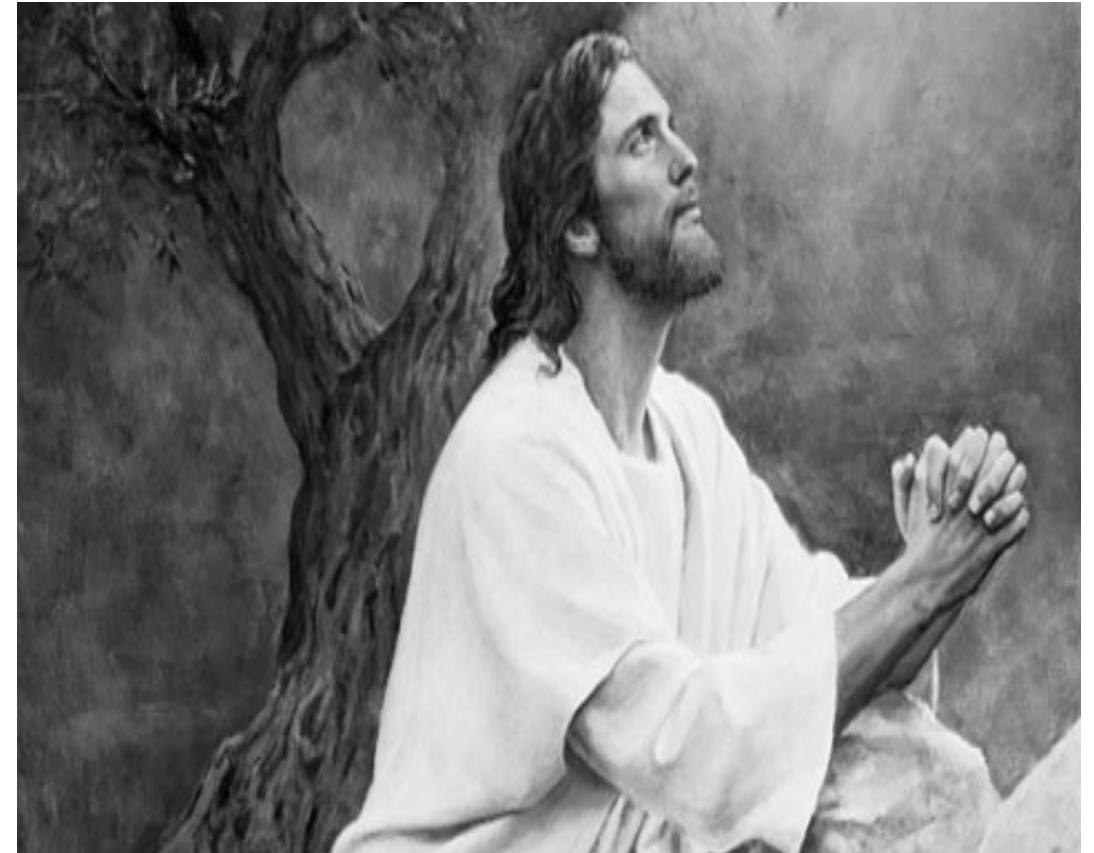
***The Welcome Loaf***

*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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# *Jesus Is Praying For Us*



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