

First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino  
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16, 2021



**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*William Zeitler*

**Call to Worship**

God of glory we gather today

✘ That we may know you more

God of glory, we ask today

✘ That you may enlighten the eyes of our hearts

So we may understand your word

And live into your hope.

Let us worship now.

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**Hymn: Christ Is Alive** <sup>1</sup>

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

**Time with the Children**

**Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-18**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.

**Scripture: Luke 24:44-53**

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and

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to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Sermon**

*Sandy Tice*

**Morning Prayer and Our Lord’s Prayer**

✠ 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Hymn: My Life Flows On**

My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth’s lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

*Refrain:*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

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What though my joys and comforts die?

I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round?

Songs in the night he giveth. (*Refrain*)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his!

How can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**