

## Liturgy for Word and Sacrament

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 21, 2017

Centering Ourselves

Improvisation On Today's Hymns - Joel

Gary

Welcome and News of Our Life Together

*Pastor will welcome worshippers*

Passing the peace

*Congregation is invited as they are willing and able to greet each other with the peace of Christ.*

Singing Together

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

Call to Worship:

L: We are called through God’s grace,

**C: Not by our own strength or skill.**

L: We have been crucified with Christ.

**C: It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us. Alleluia!**

**All: Amen**

Choir Anthem

“Amazing Grace” Arr. Jack Schrader

Morning Text: Luke 18:9-14

9He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ 13But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Children’s Circle

Sermon:

Singing together

“Rock of Ages” #596

Praying together: *The pastor will request the congregation share its joys and concerns*

...we ask all these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray.

**All: Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And**

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**lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Honoring Our Covenants:

Leader: Whether we give much or little, with much fanfare or in the shadows, we give so that we can continue to do God's work in our community.

*Ushers will come forward to receive the offering*

**Offertory:**

*Ushers will bring the offering plates forward during the singing of the doxology*

**Bringing forward our gifts: Easter Doxology**

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing!  
Let all on earth their praises bring!  
For Christ has conquered sin and death  
And given life eternal breath. Amen.**

Prayer:

We offer our gifts, O Lord, not to gain your favor or approval, but out of love for your people, saved by the same grace as we ourselves, and children of the same generous creator, who invites us to pray in your name, Amen.

**Singing together:**

**“O Savior, For the Saints” #298**

**Benediction:**

As we leave this place, either full of the spirit of God, or barely keeping body and soul together, let the One who loves us all bless us, the One who walked with us keep us, and the One who breathes life on us guide us to do great things, by whatever measure that may be, so that others may know the peace that passes all understanding. Amen.

**Postlude:**