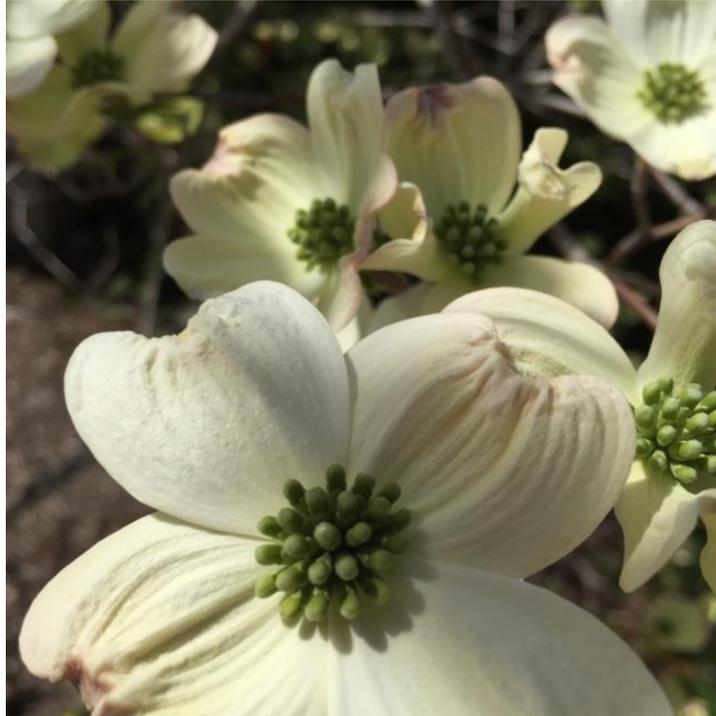


Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020



Common Worship shared by:

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY
First Presbyterian Church Ft. Thomas, KY
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Christ Church
Rev. D. Houston Hall, St. John's Church Newport
Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, St. John Church Bellevue
Pam Rieke, First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Kuhnhein, Christ Church

Order of Service

Prelude

“Sonata in D Major, MM III” arr. David Lantz
Dave Zeng, trumpet; Toni Sheffer, piano

Welcome

Pam Rieke

Call to Worship

Rev. D. Houston Hall

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours—
a world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.**

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed—
a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.**

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun—
all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.**

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
God’s new world has begun.**

Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Wesley/Glaser

Talia Broering Zoll, vocal

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows ease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.

Acts 1:1-14

Pam Rieke, Rev. D. Houston Hall

I wrote the first volume, Friend of God, about the many deeds and lessons which Jesus got under way, up to the day when he ascended. Prior to this he had given, through the Holy Spirit, specific orders to his special agents, and had shown himself to them with many positive proofs that he was still alive even after he had been killed. Through forty days he appeared to them and discussed matters concerning the God Movement. And while staying with them, he urged them not to leave Northern Kentucky but to wait for the Father's promised gift about which he had told them. "Yes, John dipped people in water," he said, "but in just a few days you all will be dipped in Holy Spirit."

So those about him began asking, "Will that be the occasion on which you will take over the government?" He said to them, "You are not to get all worked up about timetables and events which the Father has under his own control. But as the Holy Spirit comes over you, you will get power and will be my agents in Northern Kentucky and throughout Cincinnati, in the rough parts and in the not-so-rough parts and across the country and the world." As he

said this, and while they were watching, he was carried away and a cloud kept them from seeing him.

As he went away, and while they were still staring into the sky, two men in blue jeans joined them and asked, "Um...why stand there looking at the sky? This Jesus who was carried away from you into the sky will come just as you saw him going into the sky."

Then they returned to their apartments from up on the hill where they saw all this. When they got back, they went upstairs where they were living. This included Rock and Jack and Jim and Andy, Phil and Tom, Bart and Matt, Jim Alston and Simon the Rebel, and Joe Jameson. All of them, including the women and Mary, Jesus' mother, and his brothers, were continually praying together.

Jordan, Clarence. Cotton Patch Gospel: Luke and Acts (Clarence Jordan's Cotton Patch Gospel Book 2) (pp. 84-85). Smyth & Helwys Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Time with the Children

Kelly Kuhnhein

Sermon "Everything and Nothing Has Changed" Rev. Edward Goode

Offertory

"Shout to the Lord"
Tom Miller, baritone

Darlene Zschech

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Keith M. Haithcock

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.**

Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

"You Are My Witness"

arr. David Haas

Benediction

Rev. Edward Goode

Memorial Day Remembrance

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” arr. Zeng and Barton
Jim Barton, piano/keyboard; Dave Zeng, trumpet

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