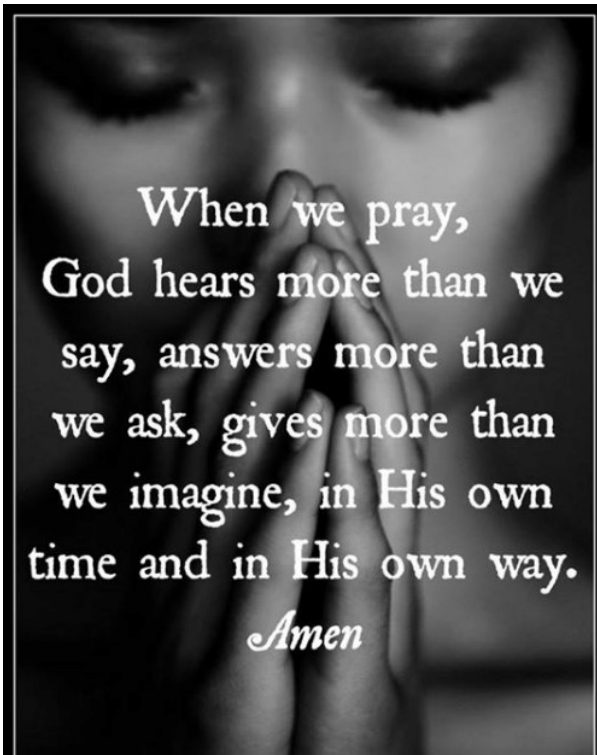




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MAY 9, 2021



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WORSHIP SERVICE

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Psalm 28:6-9)

Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

PRAISE

Songs of Praise

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (#571 vs. 1-3)

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (#369 vs. 1-3)

“Same Power” (by Jeremy Camp)

God’s Greeting

RENEWAL

Call to Confession (Psalm 106:7-8, 43-47)

Let us confess our sins, using the words of the Psalmist:

We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles, Lord;

they did not remember your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.

Yet he saved them for his name’s sake, to make his mighty power known.

Many times you delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin. Yet you took note of their distress when you heard their cry.

For their sake he remembered his covenant and out of his great love he relented.

You caused all who held them captive to show them mercy.

Save us, Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Hymn of Confession “Not What My Hands Have Done” (#624 vs. 1-2)

Assurance of Pardon (from Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Friends, this is the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Thanksgiving: “Not What My Hands Have Done” (#624 vs. 3)

Response to God’s Forgiveness

Ten Commandments Litany (#722)

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Reminder of Opportunity to Give Tithes and Offerings

(Offering for today: World Renew)

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23 & 3:14-19

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Praying for Power

Song of Response: “Oh, to See the Dawn” (#177 vs. 1-4)

SENDING

Benediction

Doxology “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (#571 vs. 5)

Postlude

Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Bernice Meagor

Ephesians 1:15-16 After hearing about their faith and love, Paul keeps giving thanks, remembering and asking (**praying**):

Eph. 1:17-23

- 1) ...that [God] may give you the Spirit of wisdom and insight/understanding/revelation: so that you may know him better
- 2) ...that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened: in order that you know
 - a. the hope to which he's called you
 - b. the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people
 - c. his incomparably great(!) power for us who believe
 - i. that (1) power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, (2) power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.
 - ii. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way

Ephesians 3:14-15 Paul again kneels before the Father of every family in heaven and on earth (**praying**):

Eph. 3:16-19

- 3) ...that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being: so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
- 4) ... that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God