

05/16/2021  
Sunday: Easter 7, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do, they prosper.**

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

**May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**To meditate upon your law, O God, is to learn of your love and know of your righteousness. You are a God of tender mercy, whose benevolent care protects our children and all creation. We gather to worship you, as creatures of righteousness, made whole by the redeeming love of Jesus the Christ. Open our hearts to sing of your goodness, our minds to explore your wisdom, and our lips to give you all praise. Amen.**

\*HYMN: For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits (89)

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

\*PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

\*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 5:9-13

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Rope and Tape

POST-SERMON PRAYER

\*HYMN: Our Hope, Our Life (847)

\*LITANY OF AFFIRMATION:

The testimony of God is greater than human testimony. God's testimony has borne witness to Jesus, the Christ.

**Whoever receives the Word of God has life.**

Whoever believes in the One whom God sent has God's testimony.

**Whoever receives the Word of God has life.**

The testimony is this: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in Jesus Christ, God's Anointed One.

**Whoever receives the Word of God has life.**

I proclaim this to you who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Whoever receives the Word of God has life.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

**MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

ANTHEM: I Love to Tell the Story

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

\*HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (465)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

\*POSTLUDE

\*- those who can stand are invited to stand