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MAY 16, 2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Please stand in either body or spirit

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Wanda Ritchea

INTROIT

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 47

Earl O'Connor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Ritchea

Leader: Jesus Christ has ascended into the heavens and sits at your right hand. While we are down here laboring doing the best that we can to survive.

People: God help us!

Leader: We are keeping our heads above water, but God forgive us, sometimes drowning seems to be an answer.

People: God help us!

Leader: We keep our faith and trust in you in spite of how we are being treated.

People: God help us!

Leader: We are abused, misused, and accused. For this reason, we understand more and more that the world is not our home and we are just strangers passing through the night.

People: God help us!

All God, we are your children, and we need you to help us so that our feet won't slip and our faith won't waiver. We believe in you and trust in your Holy Word. Do it God! Do it today! God help us!

*HYMN & PRAISE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS 2088(on screen)

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Rev. Wanda Ritchea

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sarah Ritchea

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God of both comfort and challenge; we have been blessed to know the feeling of being surrounded in your loving arms like a child. Yet we also know that is not a place we can stay. You send us to be part of the world — with all its ugliness, anger, hate, deceit, and betrayals — but not of the world. You call us to give, so that love, compassion, and hope might be et loose. We are not giving as those who are of the world — expecting to receive in the transaction. We give instead out of gratitude for your loving heart, made known to us in Christ. Use us in this way, we pray in the blessed name of Christ, who by your love overcame death. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

MORNING MESSAGE

"We Are Yours"

Pastor Jackie - Video

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*SENDING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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*BENEDICTION

Let us go into the world without the presence of fear because we know that the same God who created us is the same God who will walk with us, protecting us from this mean world that we live in. Amen.



Worship Leaders Rev. Wanda Ritchea



Liturgist	Music Leaders	Children's Sermon
Earl O'Connor	Sarah Ritchea	Sarah Ritchea
Sarah Ritchea		



Graylin Rusk	Michael Krump	James Muchalek
Cornell Lee III	William Sanders	Don Pickens
Roy Henderson	Larry Wolf	Pam Zengerle
Anna Belle Gomez	Kathy Bass	Carol Gravis

