

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21, 2023

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Seventh Sunday of Easter
(Sunday after Ascension of the Lord)
Year A

[Acts 1:6-14](#)
[Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35](#)
[1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11](#)
[John 17:1-11](#)

Prelude

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Litany for the Easter Season

from the *Book of Common Worship*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to the women, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Hymn (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #421)

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Confession

1 Peter 5:6-7

"Humble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert..."

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(Silent Confession)

from the *Book of Common Worship*

Assurance, **Gloria Patri*, **Passing of the Peace*

1 Peter 5:10-11

"...the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen."

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Scripture

[Matthew 22:23-33](#)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Called to Live: A Community Transformed By the Power of God

***Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #411)

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed
(ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Acts 2:44-46

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread and ate with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

Please prayerfully consider the time, talent, and resources you have been given, and how they can be offered back to God in love and service. If this includes making a financial offering to the church, you may use our [online giving option](#).

Offertory

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Calvin Choir

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

In the Life of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

Arise, My Soul, Arise

***Benediction and Charge**

***Congregational Response**

Jesus Be With Us (Refrain)

*Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus be with us today.*