

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – May 16, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year B

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Holy One, in and through our worship this morning, may your Spirit testify in our hearts the Good News of Jesus Christ; and may our worship through the Spirit bear witness and testify to our Savior and our Risen Lord; in whose name we gather, and worship – indeed in whose name we live! And in whose name we pray; Amen.

Call to Worship

adapted from 1 John 5:9-13*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

This is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life. We gather knowing that we have eternal life.

*adaptation from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion,
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Hymn

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

Glory to God Hymnal, # 401

vv. 1, 2, 4

Confession*

Psalm 1

“Happy are those...whose delight is in the law of the Lord...They are like tress planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season...for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”

O Christ who lived for us, died for us, lives again for us, and who prays for us, you taught us that we belong to you, and your word is our truth. Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if we belong only to ourselves.

Forgive us, O Lord, when we forget that eternal life begins now.

Speak your words of peace and transformation to us this day, and make our lives a testimony to your grace. For you are the source of life itself, and only in you can we truly live.

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(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

1 John 5:11

"This is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture[1 John 5:6-13](#)**Sermon***Testify!***Hymn**

Where Charity and Love Prevail
Glory to God Hymnal, # 316

Offering* and Doxology

1 John 5:10

"Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts."

God invites us to share the testimony of our hearts through our offerings.

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how they can be given as a witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ.

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Prayer of Dedication*

Lord God, Jesus has made you known to us; through these gifts may Jesus be made known more fully in our lives and in the world. Bless them and use them in your service and to the glory of your name. Amen.

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Announcements**Prayers of the People****Hymn***In Every Age***Charge* and Benediction**

1 John 5:13

Beloved of God – you who believe in the name of the Son of God, may you know that you have eternal life. As Christ prays for you, pray for one another. As Christ forgives you, forgive one another. As Christ loves you, love one another.

Let us walk in the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, on this day and in this place, and every day and in every place.

**adapted from Rev. Matt Rich,
Presbyterian Outlook Liturgy for the 7th Sunday of Easter, 2021*