

Easter Season May 22, 2022

"Heaven Here and Now"

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

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All Are Welcome!

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us: let all the ends of the earth revere him."

Psalm 67

+Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE Esther Mino

WELCOME Pastor Shauna

+PASSING THE PEACE Pastor Shauna

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

+CALL TO WORSHIP Holly Orr

Leader: God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

People: We come, with the pain of our burdens,

we come to hear God's Word of hope for us.

Leader: Together, we will sing songs of joy;

each of us will hear God whisper our name, 'Beloved of my heart.'

People: We join our voices in prayer and praise;

we sing of our longing for new lives.

Leader: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;

here we discover that God dwells in us.

People: And not just us, for God would teach all to love;

God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.

+OPENING PRAYER

Holly Orr

God, we remember with wonder and joy that your spirit is reaching everywhere: rejoicing in the liveliness of all living things;

touching what is wounded or ill with healing power;

gathering in the lonely, the lost, the least;

soothing ancient animosities; creating and recreating a vision of hope. Come now, Holy Spirit. Let our worship rejoice in you, and lift our hearts, and bind us in one family of loving grace. We ask in Jesus' name; Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

My Jesus I Love Thee (#172)

Esther Mino

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Renay Oberholtzer

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Shauna Esther and Audrey singing

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

There's Something About that Name (#171)

Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

Pastor Shauna

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holly Orr

God of grace and God of glory, you plant the seeds of grace, peace, love, and justice into our hearts. We offer our hearts to you this day, and these visible gifts we have as well. We give them with renewed hope so we can offer new hope and healing to those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

+HYMN All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine (#166)

Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

SCRIPTURE—Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Holly Orr

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord that is still speaking.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Heaven Here and Now" Rev. Mark Moore

+CLOSING HYMN Shall We Gather at the River (#723) Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

+BENEDICTION Pastor Shauna

POSTLUDE Esther Mino

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

MESSAGE Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

MUSIC Esther Mino WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

Audrey Walls

LITURGIST Renay Oberholtzer GREETER Hannah Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Renay Oberholtzer ATTENDANCE Hannah Smith TECH TEAM Josh Dwyer USHER 1 Wayne Barrows

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