

Easter Season May 8, 2022

"A Vision of the Church"

Revelation 7:9-17

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All Are Welcome!

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long."

Psalm 23

+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.

+OPENING HYMN His Name is Wonderful (#174) Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

+CALL TO WORSHIP Cheryl Faust

Leader: Praise to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!

People: Praise be to God who offers God's love to us!

Leader: Let us sing continually of God's wisdom, and power, and might.

People: Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.

People: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love for us. AMEN.

+OPENING PRAYER

Cheryl Faust

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

+HYMN He Leadeth Me (#128) Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Shauna

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Shauna

OFFERTORY Esther Mino

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cheryl Faust

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Because He Lives

Esther Mino & Friends

SCRIPTURE—Revelation 7:9-17

Cheryl Faust

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "A Vision of the Church" Pastor Shauna

+CLOSING HYMN How Great Thou Art (#77) Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

+BENEDICTION Pastor Shauna

POSTLUDE Esther Mino

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

MESSAGE Rev. Shauna K. Ridge WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

MUSIC Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

LITURGIST Cheryl Faust GREETER Hannah Smith
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore ATTENDANCE Hannah Smith
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Terry Moore USHER 2 Chuck Moore