



**May 17, 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Eastertide (also known as Eastertime or the Easter season) or Paschaltide (also known as Paschaltide or the Paschal season) is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Wikipedia)*

*Eastertide is a season for us as disciples not only to celebrate the joy of our Lord's resurrection, but also for us to reflect on our baptism, to discern what gifts God has given us for the building up of His Kingdom, and to journey to the celebration of Pentecost. It is that time from Christ's Resurrection to His Ascension when He showed Himself to His disciples and others and would eventually give birth to the Church.*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Cameron Kuzepski*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-4ZK6Rut88>

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Bless the Lord, O people, sing

**Many: Let the sound of praise ring out.**

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**All: The Lord who has made everything!**

**OPENING HYMN** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Cameron Kuzepski*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msaz-K0ilEo>

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling: <https://youtu.be/miFQoHvOTaw>

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, forgive us when we fail to keep your commandments, for they are the way of life. In Your abundant mercy, wash us in the waters of forgiveness and grace that we may know once more Your peace. live gain through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Amen. Ps. 103:17**

**AN ACT OF PRAISE** *Gloria Patri*

**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.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Drude Crane*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-d6mzJMwYw>

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life- a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

### **NEW TESTAMENT** Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

### **PSALTER** Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God,

have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered, and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Stephanie DeGeneste*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMCfeq\\_TxCU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMCfeq_TxCU)

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

1 Peter 3:13-22

Glen Crane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Yix5CbN8bU>

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who

in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**GOSPEL READING**     John 14:15-21

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MGxtBNZpm8>

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**SERMON**

*Rev. Lynn Santulli*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTwEo1Tv9BQ>

**SERMON HYMN**

If Ye Love Me

<https://youtu.be/oFX1FWf611U>

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the**

**third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING** - *Reflect on what offering might make to those around you and to the community. Commit your tithes to church (you can even go to the church's website and click on 'Donate Now' to send in your gifts or mail them to the church office.)*

### **DOXOLOGY**

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

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Lord, we offer these gifts to you in faith and in trust that they will be used for the building up of Your Kingdom here on earth. Lord, grant that we may make a difference, lighting the darkness with Your Spirit of love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Glen Crane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6m7RGKJG0g>

Father, we thank you and praise you that, while we are prevented from our accustomed worship at Crescent Avenue, Yet, through the marvels you have wrought in modern technology, we still find ways to worship you together. Truly, you are our refuge and our strength. Help us in this time of chaos and uncertainty to be still and know that you are God. That you are our shepherd and that you love and care for each and every one of us.

Lord, we pray for those around us suffering from sickness, from loss of income, from hunger and especially from the fears the times like this engender. Remind us

that even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with us, and will never abandon us.

Lord we thank you for all those who are working and even sacrificing themselves for others. Especially those in Health and medicine; those in emergency services, and the many “invisible” people who are working to provide us with what we need, such as food, and shelter. Give them strength and vision for their appointed tasks.

Grant strength, wisdom and grace to our leaders; from national to local. Guide them to work for your kingdom here on earth.

God of comfort: stand with those who sorrow; that they may be sure that neither death nor life, nor things present, nor things to come can ever separate them from your love.

And for those of us who have been blessed with so much that we take for granted, remind us that all we have is a gift from you. Help us to be ever grateful for all we have. Thank you, Lord, for all our blessings

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

<https://youtu.be/a14hbMd3L1U>

#### **BENEDICTION**

**May the Lord bless and keep you, May His Face shine brightly upon you, May His Holy Spirit grant you peace.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Cameron Kuzepski*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbEWvIXHias>





## **Holy Breath**

God  
spun out eternity through never ending space  
stretching stars and galaxies beyond all time.

Beneath the heavens  
upon the earth  
to the depths of the sea

He  
created all living things  
which sprang to life with  
His Holy Breath.

Within each living creature  
is the remembrance of that first  
Holy Breath  
that gave it life, now  
yearning to find its Creator  
yearning to sing its Creator's praise  
yearning to abide with its Creator.

This searching, seeking, aching for the  
Holy Breath  
sometimes leads to  
unknown places  
unknown idols  
unknown gods,  
forgetting that the  
God space lies  
not beyond ourselves  
but within.



Deep within ourselves.

For the Creator of vast unending space  
Creator of infinite inward space  
Creator of the Holy Breath  
promises to abide in us  
when we but cry out and confess...

yes, Lord  
I believe You are in the Father  
and the Father in You  
and by the gift of the  
Holy Spirit, the Holy Advocate  
I have found Love  
I have found Life  
I have found the Creator of  
all that live and move and  
have their being in Him...  
I have found what I  
searched, sought, and ached for  
planted by the Holy Breath  
breathed into me at my creation.

God  
has been revealed by the Spirit of Truth  
and now at the last  
I can live in the assurance  
that because Jesus lives and  
is in the Father and the  
Father is in Him  
I too, live. I am not alone.  
Together. We All. Abide.

Acts 17:22-31. John 14:15:21

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**Health Issues:**

Brian; Anthony; The Beaucasan Family; Leon Edwards; Cynthia; Elaine Duesbury; Frank; Drew Moore; Candyce Norris; Glenna Stevens; Terry; Janie Whiteford; Henry Ward, Jr.; Jay and daughter; Bob Newell; Kassi and Family; Juliet Fydrich; Michael R.; the Carlson family; Karen West; Lindsey Loftons and Brenda Hopper; Thomas West Jr.; Marlotte Troy Williams; Ben (Covid-19); Norma & Leslie Fagan.

**Homebound:**

Sonia Cook; George Germinder.

**Bereavement:**

All those grieving the passing of loved ones during this pandemic; Williams' family for passing of Pastor Jonathan Williams; the Pivnichny family as they grieve that passing of Jim's brother, John.

**World Issues:**

Southern Cameroon (Ambazonia)



***Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church  
Plant & Flower Sale  
Entire Month of May 2020***

To facilitate our 2020 annual flower sale, CAPC in conjunction with Gray's Florist, invites you to purchase your favorite plants directly from their garden center. Throughout the month of May, you can take advantage of this joint venture which supports local small businesses.

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908/757-0400  
[www.graysflorist.com](http://www.graysflorist.com)

Please call or order online and mention you are participating in CAPC plant sale and 10% of your purchase will benefit our church. Kindly, pick up your order directly from Gray's Florist at your convenience.

**CAPC Popular Orders**

Annuals:

Begonia, Impatiens, Petunia, Marigold

10" Hanging Baskets:

Ivy Geranium, New Guinea, Assorted

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