WORSHIP

May 22, 2022

6th Sunday of Easter (PH=Presbyterian Hymnal, GtG=Glory to God)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's goodness is breaking into the world.

We do not expect the Spirit's movement.

God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

We witness this in-breaking as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, you drew out life-giving water from a desert rock. We give you thanks for the water of baptism. In being joined with Christ, we die to what destroys and are raised to new life with Christ. As streams rush into rivers, may our lives flow into yours, joining your creative work for a world in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN:

Shall We Gather at the River Insert (Sing all verses)

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

We are a people living in sin. We are a people in need of God's vision, praying for our eyes to be opened. We are a people in need of God's reversal, praying for our hearts to be softened. We are a people in need of God's reconciliation, praying that our faces might be illumined by God's presence. Let us claim our need of God, confessing our sin together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the future. O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

It is the Lord who opens eyes to see. It is the Lord who softens hearts to hear. It is the Lord who returns us to God's presence. Peace, peace, peace—you are loved. You are enough. You belong.

In Jesus Christ we are restored. Thanks be to our God forever and ever.

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal 579

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word we, too, may proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!" Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING(S):		Rev. 21.10-22.5 John 14.23-29
SERMON	The Advocate	Rev. Camille Josey
*HYMN:	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My I (Sing all verses)	Heart PH 326

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26 Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

INVITATION TO GIVE

Special Music

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

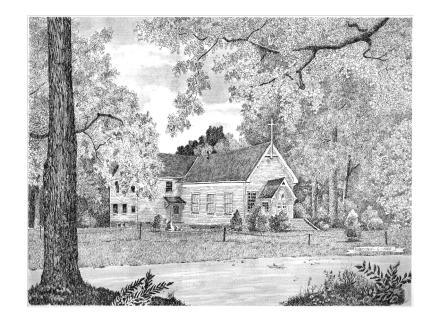
*HYMN Wash O God Your Sons and Daughters Insert (Sing all verses)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN (sung)

Postlude

May 15, 2022	Attendance in person: 20 Virtual: 15
Offering (General): Offering (designated): Offering (Total):	\$1,092.00 <u>525.00</u> \$1,617.00
Average General Giving per Week	\$ 1,113.10
Total YTD	\$24,279.82
@4/30	
Expenses YTD:	\$20,896.44
Income YTD:	\$18,087.98
Profit/Loss YTD	- \$ 2,808.46



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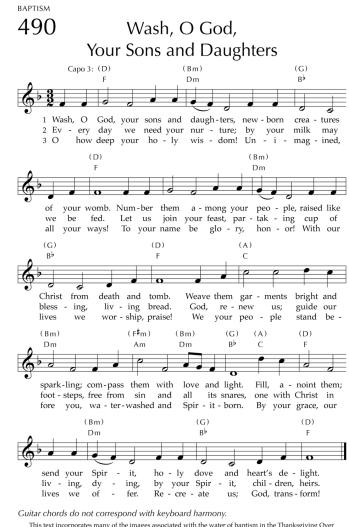
Rev. Camille Josey Sunday May 22, 2022 Sixth Sunday after Easter



A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KV).

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE 8.7.8.7 with refrain



This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

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