

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## May 28, 2017

### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**In Preparation for Worship – *Eastertide*:** Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead every Sunday; each a mini-Easter. The six Sundays after Easter (“Eastertide”) are special weeks focused on Jesus Christ appearing to the Apostles prior to the Ascension as they wait for the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

**Prelude** “A Remembrance” **by John S. Dixon**

### Easter Paschal Chant:

Leader: Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

**\*Song of Praise** “Immortal, Invisible” **48**

**\*Easter Alleluia** “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” **313**

**\*Call to Worship:** *A Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies*

Leader: Up with God! Down with his enemies! Adversaries, run for the hills!

People: **Gone like a puff of smoke, like a blob of wax in the fire - one look at God and the wicked vanish.**

Leader: When the righteous see God in action they’ll laugh, they’ll sing, they’ll laugh and sing for joy.

People: **Sing hymns to God; all heaven, sing out; clear the way for the coming of our God, the Cloud-Rider.**

Leader: Enjoy God, cheer when you see him! Father of orphans, champion of widows, is God in his holy house.

People: **God makes homes for the homeless, leads prisoners to freedom, but leaves rebels to rot in hell.**

Leader: God, when you took the lead with your people, when you marched out into the wild, the earth shook, the sky broke out in a sweat; God was on the march.

People: **Even Sinai trembled at the sight of God on the**

**move, at the sight of Israel’s God.**

Leader: You pour out rain in buckets, O God; thorn and cactus become an oasis. For your people to camp in and enjoy.

People: **You set them up in business; we have gone from rags to riches. Praise the Lord!**

**Psalm 68:1-10 (The Message)**

### Invocational Prayer

**Song of Faith** “Above All” **WT**

**A Time of Remembrance** – Individuals are invited to stand and speak aloud the name or names of their departed loved ones to remember this Memorial Sunday.

### Honoring our Nation - Silent Reflection

**Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

**A Reading from the Early Church** **Acts 1:6-14**

**A Reading from the Apostles** **1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

**\*Responsorial** “He Is Lord” **305**

### Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

**Choir Offertory** “You Raise Me Up” *arranged by Tom Fettke*

**Children’s Message** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

### \*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination

**Message:** **Mrs. Adina Van Os, Neutral Pulpit**

## RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

**\*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song** “I’ll Fly Away”

**\*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude** “Christians We have Met to Worship”  
Arr. By Douglas Wagner

\*Please stand if able

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**MISSION:** The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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