

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 6, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Centering Ourselves for Worship: Let the clapping flood and the roaring sea, the rising hills and the whole earth, all nations, all people, the righteous, and my whole being, laud you, O Lord, and sing of your worth!

Gathering Music & Prelude “It is Well with my Soul”
Jan Mauck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

***Easter Greeting:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Song** “All Creatures of Our God and King” (Stz. 1, 2, 5) 23

***Call to Worship:** *The Lord Works Miracles*

Sing a new song to the Lord! The Lord has worked miracles, and with his own powerful arm, God has won the victory.

The Lord has shown the nations that he has the power to save and to bring justice.

God has been faithful in his love for Israel, and his saving power is seen everywhere on earth.

Tell everyone on this earth to sing happy songs in praise of the Lord.

Make music for him on harps. Play beautiful melodies!

Sound the trumpets and horns and celebrate with joyful songs for our Lord and King!

Command the ocean to roar with all of its creatures, and the earth to shout with all of its people. Order the rivers to clap their hands, and all of the hills to sing together.

Let them worship the Lord! He is coming to judge everyone on the earth, and he will be honest and fair.

Psalm 98 (Contemporary English Version)

***Alleluia** “Sing a New Song” (refrain only) 10

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith “To God Be the Glory” 66

Community and 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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Early Church Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the New Testament 1 John 5:1-6

***A Reading from the Gospel** John 15:9-17

***Responsorial** “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” WT

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory “Let It Be Said of Us” arr. by Mary McDonald

Children’s Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message: “Make Yourself at Home in God’s Love”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord’s Table – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

*Song "We Remember You" 690

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion)

The Body of Christ – The Bread of Heaven

The Blood of Christ – The Cup of Salvation

The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – 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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude "Recessional" by Douglas E. Wagner
*Please stand if able

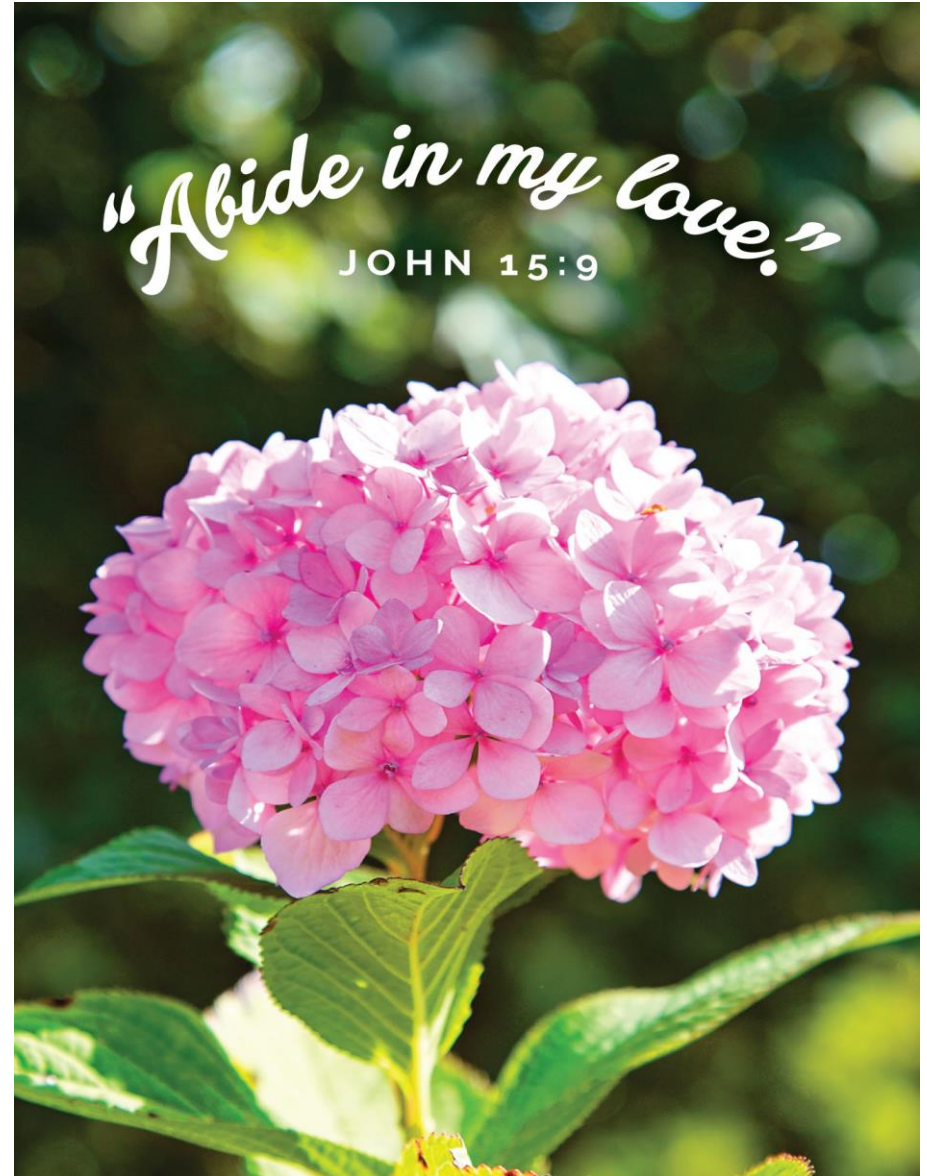
EASTERTIDE – The seven Sundays between Easter and Pentecost are called: "Eastertide" or the "Easter Season." During these fifty days (forty plus ten), we celebrate the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ by repeating the "Easter Greeting" and singing an extra "Alleluia" song in worship. Luke wrote in the Book of Acts, "For forty days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. He appeared to his apostles and spoke to them about God's kingdom" (1:3). Eastertide includes the Day of

Ascension (Thursday, May 10, 2018) and concludes on Pentecost Sunday (May 20, 2018)

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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