

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE MAY 13, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Centering Ourselves for Worship: Watchful God, we come to meditate upon your word, to plant ourselves in your holy presence like trees beside streams of living water. May we give you glory as you make us prosper!

Gathering Music “Wonderous Love” (Medley) Jan Mauck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

***Easter Greeting:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Song** “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty” page 136

***Call to Worship:** *The Way to Happiness*

God blesses people who refuse evil advice and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God.

Instead, the Law of the Lord makes the godly persons happy, and they think about it day and night.

God's faithful people are like trees growing beside a stream, trees that produce fruit in season and always have leaves.

Godly people succeed in everything they do.

That isn't true of those who are evil, because they are like straw blown by the wind.

Evil people won't have an excuse on the day of judgment, and they won't have a place with the people of God.

The Lord protects everyone who follows him,

But the wicked follow a road that leads to ruin.

Psalm 1 (Contemporary English Version)

***Alleluia:** “Alleluia No. 1” (refrain only) 291

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith “I Know Whom I Have Believed” 407

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Early Church Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A Reading from the New Testament 1 John 5:9-13

***A Reading from the Gospel** John 17:6-19

***Responsorial** “Take Time to Be Holy” 483

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.

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory

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

Message “The High Priestly Prayer: In But Not Of the World”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE LORD 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** “Living for Jesus a Life That Is True”

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

*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.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes (May) – Pat Carpenter and Macy Greuter

Communion Servers (June) – Jim Goodnow, Marty Rosa, Doug and Jan Mauck.

Evangelism Counselor (May) – Mark Calloway

Greeters (May) – Don Morris

Scripture Reader – Jan Mauck

Ushers (May) – Don Johnson, Bill Merrifield, Clarence Payne, and John Swain (Head Usher)

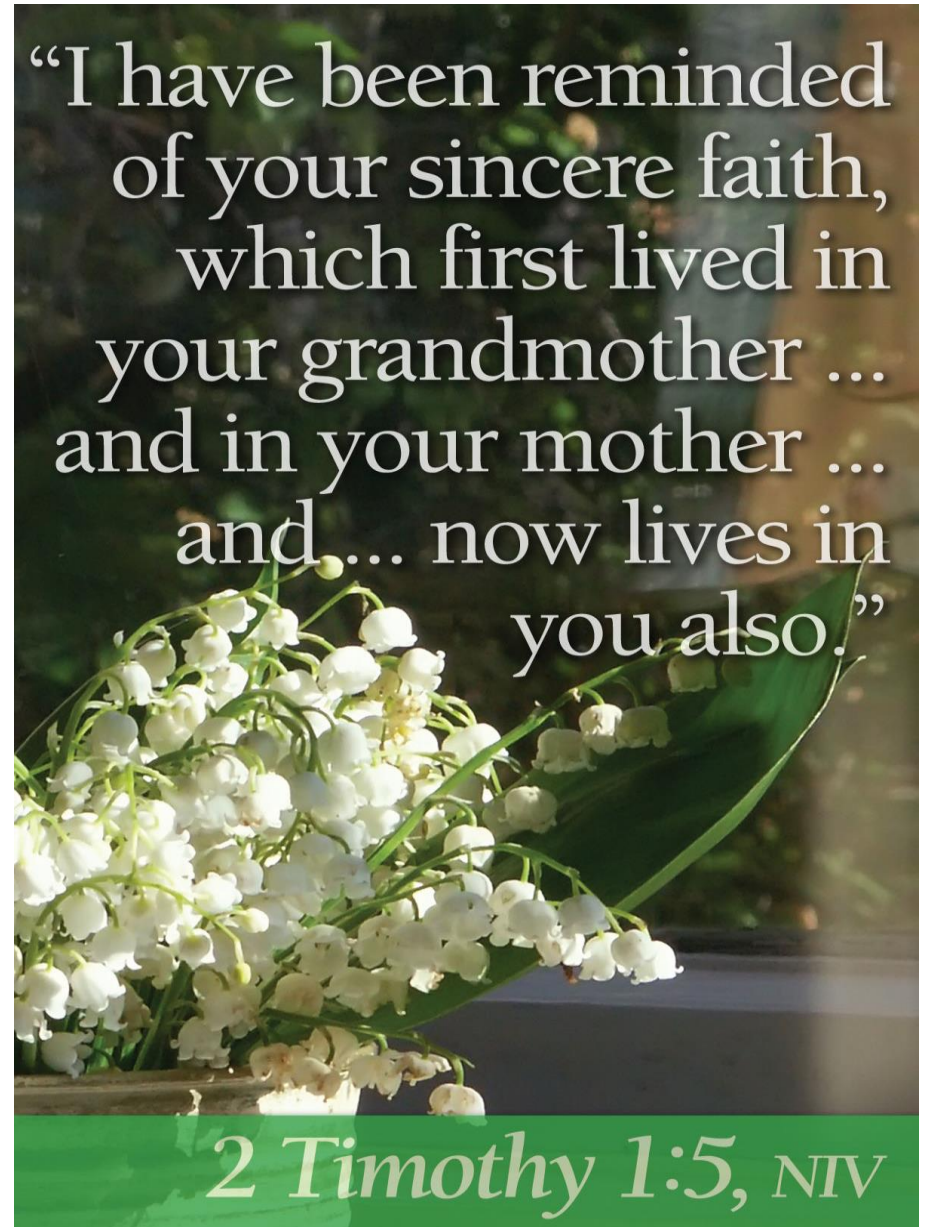
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