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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 1, 2014

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

Greeting and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Centering Music

"How Excellent is Your Name"

arr. Smith/Hustad

***Call to Worship**

Where Christ walks, the space between God and humanity grows thin.

We gather in the thin space.

Where Christ rises, the space between death and life grows thin.

We gather in the thin space.

Where Christ ascends, the space between earth and heaven grows thin.

We gather in the thin space, where Christ meets us.

Note: The image projected on the wall is "The Ascension" by Bagong Kussudiardja

***Gathering Song** (insert) "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Sung Response** "Be Not Afraid" (2x)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children's Message

"Time to Pray"

Hannah Hannover

Sung Prayer for Illumination SPP #37 "Open Our Hearts" (2x)

Scripture Readings

John 17:1-11

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Let God rise up, let all enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish.

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds — whose name is the Lord— be exultant before our God.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in the holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in and leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,

the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Sing to God, O nations of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

listen, God sends out God's voice, God's mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in God's sanctuary, the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to the people. Blessed be God!

Acts 1:1-14

Sermon

“What to Do in the Interim”

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

*Song NCH #282

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Prayers of the People *beginning with "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (2x)*

The Lord's Prayer *Please pray the following, or a version most meaningful to you.*
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.

Offering of Gifts "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Carter

***Sung Response** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**

We offer to you that which we place on your table, and that which remains in our hands. Whether through your church or in our daily lives, may we use all your gifts to make your blessings flow, so that all people may know the abundance of your heaven here on earth. Amen.

***Song** NCH #595

"Some Glad Morning"

Blessing

***Sending Music**

"Wings of Freedom"