

goals. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power. My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear. I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy. I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!

### Prayer for Spiritual Formation

**Leader:** Dear Jesus,  
You are the Prince of Peace  
You are the Law of Love  
Help us to stay encouraged to empower others  
To champion Your Holy Gospel  
To make disciples through the preaching, teaching and witnessing  
Of Your Living Word  
May we be and become all-inclusive witnesses  
To Spread Your Gospel across the Globe!

**ALL: AMEN**

*(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

### BENEDICTION

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Inspired from Luther's prayer #126—For a More Charitable Feeling Toward Neighbors)*

Leader: O Dear God, change me by Your Grace... In the name of the Father,

† Son & Holy Spirit

ALL AMEN *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

† Thank you for worshipping with us! †

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*House church service every Sunday with Holy Communion*

*8AM*

## *The Grace Hub*

† Sunday Morning Worship †

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2015

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GATHERING WE CONFESS**

*(Inspired by 'We Believe' Article 15, Church Usages, Psalm 98 & Martin Luther's Prayer #38—For the Abiding Joy of Calling God Our Father, #39—For a United Love & Setting 3 from the L.C.M.S. hymnal)*  
*(Please stand if able)*

**Leader:** Accept our worship, God of all creation, as an act of our love for the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Keep us from supposing that our songs, prayers, and traditions merit Your Grace. For what You are alone, we give You our praise. Amen.

**ALL:** **'O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. 'Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**Leader:** "O Almighty God, through Your infinite mercy you have not only permitted us to pray through Your only beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. By His merits and mediation we are to call You Father, though we have provoked You to anger. Be a righteous and severe judge of the sins which we so grievously and abundantly have committed against You. Mercifully pour into our hearts the comforting assurance of Your Fatherly love. Enable us to sense the sweetness of parental safety, so that with Joy we may name You Father and call upon You in all our needs."

**ALL: AMEN.**

**Leader:** With Luther we confess & Praise God—

**ALL:** "It is also Your will that we should not individually name You Father but together call You our Father and united pray for all. So give us a united love that we may know and consider all to be brothers and sisters. United we ask You, our beloved Father, for each and all, even as one child speaks for another to its father. Amen."

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Leader:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **ALL: AMEN**

*(Please make the sign of the Cross) †*

**Scripture Lessons for the Evening** *(please be seated)*

**A Reading from The Book of Acts**

*(Don't read this aloud: Acts 10:34-48)*

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**Leader:** *The Word of the Lord*

**ALL:** *Thanks Be to God*

**A Reading from the 1st Letter of John**

*(Don't read this aloud: 1 John 5:1-8)*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the

water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>There are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

**Leader:** *The Word of the Lord*

**ALL:** *Thanks Be to God*

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John**

*(Don't read this aloud: John 15:9-17) Please Stand*

**ALL:** *Glory to You, O Lord*

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Leader:** *The Word of the Lord*

**ALL:** *Praise to You, O Christ*

**Sermon by Pastor Nicole Collins**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**PEACE**

**PRAYER CIRCLE**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!*

**LORD'S PRAYER:** *Please recite what version is comfortable for you.*

*(Please be seated)*

**The Disciple's Creed** *(Based on a young Zimbabwe pastor)*

**ALL:** I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed