**June 1, 2025 7th Sunday of Easter 11 AM**

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Mural at Chimayo, NM - **Gathering to Worship,**

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**PRELUDE**  “Chant the Praises of God in a Medieval Monastery” Walker Baylor

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN #749** “Come! Live in the Light!”

**1** Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

**Refrain:** We are called to act with justice; We are called to love tenderly;
 We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

**2** Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So hatred and blindness will be no more. [**Refrain**]

**3** Sing, sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign; and we'll walk with each other

As sisters and brothers united in love. [**Refrain**]

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE**

**RESPONSE: HYMN #581** “Gloria Patri”

Glory be the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

**PEACE**

Let there be peace on earth.

**And let it begin with me.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 2 (NRSVUE)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?🕈
**The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
    against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**

“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us.”🕈

**He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.**Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,🕈

**“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”**

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, “You are my son;
    today I have begotten you.🕈
**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage
    and the ends of the earth your possession.**You shall break them with a rod of iron
    and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”🕈

**Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling 🕈

**kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way,
    for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

**Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

**FIRST READING** Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21 (NRSVUE)

12 “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

16 “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”
And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

20The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SECOND READING** John 17:20-26 (NRSVUE)

20 “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

**SERMON** “On Unity” Jeff Courter

**HYMN #301** (vv. 1,2,4)“All Are Welcome”

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

 Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
 here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

1. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

 here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace;
 Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

1. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES CREED**

**I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in**

**Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

 **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,**

 **the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**  “Hear the Truth and Keep Thy Way” Edward Broughton

**OFFERING SONG #606**  Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN #317** (vv. 2,4)“In Christ There Is No East or West”

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Horn & Flute Movement” Thomas Thorley

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**UPCOMING CALENDAR**

**TODAY, 12:00 Noon – QUEENS PRIDE PARADE** in Jackson Heights (along 37th Avenue from 89th Street to 75th Street). Come join us! We are marching with our neighbor, The Reform Temple of Forest Hills!

**REMINDER:** We are still looking for **volunteers** for **worship readers** and/or **juice/coffee hour**. There is a 3-month sign-up sheet posted just outside the office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office.

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