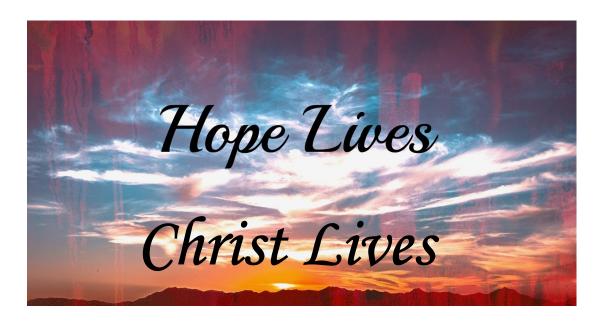
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Sixth Sunday of Easter



# Our Hope Is In Christ

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The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.



5 Till then — nor is my boasting vain — Till then I boast a Savior slain; And oh, may this my glory be: That Christ is not ashamed of me.

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Hymn: Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be......CW # 347

#### **Confession and Absolution**

**L:** (*rise*) The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

**L:** We call upon our God. O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise

L: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

**L:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**L:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

#### C: AMEN

#### **Prayer and Praise**

**L:** Come, let us sing to the Lord,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

**L:** For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

C: The heights of the hills are also his,

**L:** The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

C: And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. AMEN

#### **Prayer of the Day**

**L:** Almighty Father, by the waters of baptism you have clothed us in the robe of your Son's Righteousness and have given us a new heart to hate sin and cling to what is good. Preserve us in this saving faith and hear us as we lift our voices in songs of praise for your unfailing power and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen. (seated)

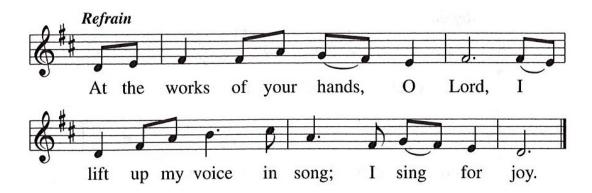
First Lesson: Acts 17:22–31

L: <sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

- <sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup>And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.
- <sup>26</sup> From one man he made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'
- <sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." (The World of our God)

**Psalm: #66** 

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Shout with joy to God, all the earth!\*
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,\* let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives\* and kept our feet from slipping.

#### Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;\* let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,\*
the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened\* and heard my voice in prayer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Refrain

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 1 Peter 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

<sup>17</sup> It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison <sup>20</sup> who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.

In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (The word of the Lord)

He plants his foot-steps in the sea And rides up - on the storm. Be - hind a frown-ing prov - i - dence He has a smil - ing face. God is his own in - ter - pret - er, And he will make it plain. Are big with mer - cy and will break In bless-ing on your head.



Gospel: (rise) John 14:15–21

L: "Jesus said: <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will obey what I command. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (seated)

Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less...... CW # 382



Sermon: 1 Peter 3:15-22

### Our Hope Is Build On Christ

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen Indeed!

**Apostles' Creed:** (Rise) (together we confess)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Prayer:** Holy Father, God of light, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think upon those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will. Preserve us from assaults on our bodies and souls, deliver us from doubt and despair, and leads us down paths of righteousness by the light of your word. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

