

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



**THEME:** The calling of a child of God is to tell about his faith boldly and clearly.

**HYMN 377 Verses 1-5:** *“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think 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; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**LESSON:** 1 Peter 3:15-22 (EHV)

*Peter admonishes the faithful to be ready always to confess the hope they have in Christ Jesus, particularly when they face hardship and persecution. In so doing they show the power of their baptism by which they have been washed free of the guilt of sin and are connected to Christ and his resurrection.*

3:15 But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers. Indeed, it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 66 (p.90) (spoken / sung in unison)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 14:15-21 (EHV)

*Jesus’ farewell discourse continues from the previous week. The Holy Spirit is promised to the disciples, and they are comforted by the Lord’s promise: that he will not leave them orphaned but will return to them. Jesus exhorts them to show love for their Lord by giving loving obedience to his commands.*

14:15 “If you love me, hold on to my commands. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in

you. The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

**SERMON TEXT:** Acts 17:22-31 (EHV)

22 Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. 23 For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. 25 Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. 26 From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. 27 He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 28 ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

29 “Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. 30 Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

**HYMN 377 Verses 6-10:** *“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

**SERMON THEME:** Let Me Tell You a Story

1. About the God who made everything
2. About my Lord who saved everyone

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**HYMN 391:** *“God Loved the World So that He Gave”*

**PRAYER**

**AMEN** (spoken)

**BLESSING**

**AMEN** (spoken)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL**





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**Mini Sunday Worship Continues:** Worship is offered as a sign-up of 10 members maximum for three mini-services at 5:00 p.m. Saturday , 9:00 a.m. OR 10:00 a.m. Sunday. YOU MUST SIGN-UP TO ATTEND. We cannot have more than 10 people here at a time. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before Worship is scheduled to begin. Please leave church immediately after Worship has concluded and kindly take your Worship bulletin with you.

To sign-up for Worship: Sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of church or call (920) 233-1379. (There are several pencils to use to sign-up. Please feel free to use a pencil and take it with you.) *We intend to hold to this worship process unless our Government changes rules and/or guidelines for gatherings.*

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**Cinco de Junio** (Fifth of June) Celebration (Tentatively, of Course): Potluck Mexican food night! Think up your favorite Mexican recipe and bring it to share! Starting at 5:00 p.m. To date, we have heard no interest in this event. We may need to cancel. Perhaps this gathering is too soon for us meet. We will ponder a future fun event at a later date. 😊

**Pastor is available** for personal counseling and/or individual communion. Call directly (920) 495-3259 to set-up a day and time that is convenient.

**Immanuel Is Offering** Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship (Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend) to accommodate member’s diverse summer schedules. Please sign-up today!

**Tuesday Bible Class Resumes:** Please call Pastor (920-495-3259) so that he can track the number of participants-10 person maximum. We will be meeting in our Fellowship Hall. If you have a mask, please feel free to bring and/or wear it.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Received 05-10-20	\$2,342.00		
Budgeted Need to date	\$59,280.00	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Budgeted Rec’d to date	\$66,546.01	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
		Saturday	5:00 p.m. Communion Service
		Sunday	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
		Sunday	10:00 a.m. Communion Service

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