

Offertory Prayer

L: Generous God,  
C: in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Holy Communion

+Words of Institution  
+Lord’s Prayer  
+Distribution Hymn I Come with Joy  
+Blessing

ELW #482

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn Go, Make Disciples

ELW #540 (2x)

Sending: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!  
C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!  
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become  
a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, May 21, 2023; 9:30 am Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

150<sup>th</sup> Temple Talk Rick Bonander

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.  
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive  
our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
P: Let us confess our sins,  
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We  
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and  
by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may  
delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.  
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives  
you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by  
His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the  
name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn Onward Christian Soldiers (vss. 1, 2 & 4)

**Prayer of the Day (All)**  
**O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Lesson** Acts 1:6-14 Tricia Steen  
<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”  
<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia Insert

**Gospel** John 17:1-11  
(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.  
<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were

yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”  
(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

**Children’s Sermon** Beth Flier  
**Sermon** “You Will Be My Witnesses” Pastor Greg Johnson  
**Hymn of the Day** I Love to Tell the Story ELW#661



- Krista Burkman
- Andre Carbonneau
  - Ashley Holz
  - Tanner Riley
  - Emily Wright

**Graduate Recognition/Blessing**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Offering**  
(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)



**Offertory Hymn** For the Fruit Of All Creation ELW #679