



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Easter

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

##### CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 19:7-8

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

**People: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes**

##### \*OPENING HYMN #635

*He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever  
murmur nor repine, content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me Refrain

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

4 And when my task on earth is done,  
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. Refrain

##### \*OPENING PRAYER

##### \*PRAISE SONG Hymn #312

*How Sure the Scriptures Are*

1 How sure the Scriptures are! God's vital, urgent word,  
as true as steel, and far more sharp than any sword:  
so deep and fine, at his control they pierce  
where soul and spirit join.

God knows all – exposed it lies before his eyes to  
whom we call.

2 They test each human thought, refining like a fire;  
they measure what we ought to do and to desire: for

3 Let those who hear his voice  
confronting them today, reject the tempting choice of  
doubting or delay: for God speaks still -  
his word is clear, so let us hear and do his will!

#### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God: We are grateful you have chosen to speak your words to us in Scripture. Yet we confess that we don't always give the Bible the respect it deserves. We are prone to abandon the delightful privilege of reading your Word daily. We skip past the sections we find hard to understand. We often fail to put into practice the parts we do understand. For these and other sins, O Lord, forgive us. Restore to us the joy of meeting you in your Word. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

##### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

##### \*AFFIRMATION 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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy, Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

John Lange

## ANTHEM

*"Take Time to be Holy"*

*William D. Longstaff*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

\*Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## SCRIPTURE:

II Timothy 3:10-17

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

***People: Thanks be to God***

## SERMON:

***"God-breathed and Useful"***

**SERIES: PATH OF THE PHOENIX**

*All Scripture is God-breathed [theopnuestos] and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training [paideia] in righteousness - Luke 16:31*

## \*CLOSING HYMN #311

*God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

1 God has spoken by his prophets,  
Spoken an unchanging word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil,  
One firm anchor holds us fast;  
God is King, enthroned eternal;  
God the first, and God the last.

Spoken by the Word Incarnate,  
God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of light, to earth descending,  
Christ, as God in human form..

2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory,  
With the Father ever one;

3 God is speaking by his Spirit,  
Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless word expounding  
God's own message now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides in word unchanging;  
God the first, and God the last.

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude