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Psalm 1

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Sermon The Rev. Dr. Edie A. Gause
AVOCODO HOPE

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 722 *Canonbury*
“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) 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.

*Doxology Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*
**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.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer Choral Amen
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.

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory arr. Robert J. Powell
“Prelude on *Dunlap’s Creek*”

*Congregational Response Hymn 708 (v.1) *Schumann*
**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)
God of comfort, your Son prayed for his followers in the world, that they might be one. Use us and what you have given us to serve you always. In Christ, we pray. Amen

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 80 *The Trees of the Field*
“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)
Go in peace, to witness in the power of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Go in love, to share the power of our Christ,
We go in peace and love to be Christ for all we meet. Amen

*Closing Choral Response *Puer Nobis Nascitur*
“O Lord, with Each Returning Morn”
Sanctuary Choir

**O Lord, with each returning morn,
your image to our heart is born;
O may we ever clearly view
our Savior and our God in you.**

*Closing Voluntary arr. Douglas E. Wagner
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 13, 2018 10:40 A.M.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshippers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to God’s house of worship. As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is “the Light of the World” (John 8:12) and of his sustaining presence. With the pouring of the Baptismal Water, we know that we are made clean and given new life by our faith in God. Let us lift up our voices in song and prayer that we may be refreshed, and our hearts in praise and adoration that we may “walk in the newness of life” (Romans 6:4) as we joyously worship our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

(Please sign the attendance register and pass it along, greeting those near you. Guests, please share your address and telephone number with us.)

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary R. Vaughan Williams
“Rhosymedre”

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God gave us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son.
Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
Now I am no longer in the world,
but they are in the world.
They do not belong to the world,
just as I do not belong to the world.
As you have sent me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world.

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Almighty God, we believe in your Son, our Lord, who ascended into heaven. Lead us also to ascend there in heart and mind, and take us to live with him forever. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 634 *To God Be the Glory*
“To God Be the Glory”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty and eternal God, help us always willingly to serve you as our Savior with a pure heart. Cleanse our hearts and grant us new life in you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 765 *Argentina*

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that’s new,
faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Open our ears to listen and our hearts to hear the words from your Scriptures. Amen

Music Ministry

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arr. Douglas E. Wagner
“Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree”
Sanctuary Choir

**The tree of life my soul has seen
laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be,
compared with Christ, the apple tree.**

**God’s beauty in all things excels:
by faith I know, but ne’er can tell
the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.**

**For happiness I long have sought
and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see,
‘its found in Christ, the apple tree.**

**This fruit still makes my soul to thrive;
It keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be
with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.**

New Testament Reading Pew Bible
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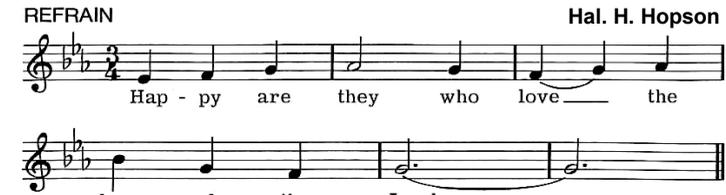
A Reading From The Book Of
The Acts Of The Apostles.
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Moment

Children’s Worship

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Hap - py are they who love the
law of the Lord.