

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

9:45 AM

PRELUDE            *Majeste du Christ demandant sa gloire a son Pere*            Messiaen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS            Rev. Christopher Lyman Waldron

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus rises in this season of Easter, let us reflect on what this means for us:

**All: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new world has broken into ours—**

One: a world in which justice does come for the poor,  
freedom comes for the prisoners,  
and healing for the sick.

**All: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new community has been formed—**

One: a community that loves and cares for all members,  
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,  
a place where all find a place of belonging.

**All: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new creation has begun—**

One: all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that is corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.

**All: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
God's new world has begun.**

*Modified from Litany for Ascension Day, by Christine Sine*

\*HYMN                            *#95 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God, You reign! Robed in majesty and armed with strength, you hold our world and our lives securely. Your throne has stood for all eternity. From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. Even when the waters rise up—when surging seas threaten to overwhelm us, and pounding waves crash around us— we know that you are mightier. You are more powerful than the threats we face. Holy God, your decrees are firm and unshakeable and will last forevermore.**

*(based on Psalm 93)*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Michael Martens. **“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.**

### PRAYER RESPONSE

*God Be in My Head*

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### CALL TO OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

#### HYMN OF JOY

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest; wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest; thou creator, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

#### \*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

**Holy God, we lift these gifts up to you, knowing that you are above and beyond anything that we face in this life. May you lift these gifts up as well so that they might be used toward your purposes of grace, of justice, of peace, and life giving Spirit. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

Claire Houston

Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, the disciples asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 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. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

#### SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Through the words of scripture God spoke to our ancestors and speaks to us anew.

#### **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM	<i>The Beatitudes</i>	Biery
SERMON		Rev. C. Lyman Waldron
*HYMN	<i>#431 Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	
*BENEDICTION		Rev. C. Lyman Waldron
POSTLUDE	<i>Sortie</i>	Dubois

#### **USHERS**

*Marion Hornblower & Marion Kirohn*

#### **TOWER LIGHTING**

*In Loving Memory of my husband Fred Clegg by Nancy.*

#### **COFFEE HOUR**

*Choir 1*

***May 14th Coffee Hour  
Nominating***

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**Summer Voice  
articles are due by May 23rd**

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#### **Young Artist-in-residence**

The music ministry is pleased to welcome our third and last young artist-in-residence for this school year. Soprano Alanah Peters is a sophomore at Dedham High School, where she enjoys history and sings with the high school choir. She is active at the Dedham School of Music where she studies voice with Katie Jillson. She has three brothers and a sister and enjoys reading and watching movies. Welcome, Alanah!

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## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The Missions committee will be collecting for the Dedham Food Pantry through the end of June.

They are also in the market right now for:

*Diapers + wipes, Snacks (the kind that can go in lunchboxes, etc.)*

As usual they are always in need of food items:

<https://dedhamfoodpantry.org/get-involved/donate/wishlist/>

Please place your items in the Food Pantry Basket located in the Fireside Room.

**The Missions Ministry** is also collecting books for the Dedham Public Library book sale. This is the library's major fundraiser.

The books **MUST** be in good shape: *no torn or stained pages,*

*no encyclopedia's, no food books, no workbooks, no reference books.*

Books can be left on the bench outside the office. The collection goes through June 10 no later.

Thank you from your Missions Ministry

**Allin Church Missions Ministry** has submitted our Easter April 9, 2023 bulletin to be placed inside the William B. Gould statute time capsule. **The statue's ribbon cutting ceremony will take place Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> @1PM Gould Park 34 Milton St. Shuttle buses run from the Mother Brook Arts & Community Center, 123 High St.**

## WE ARE NOW COLLECTING FOR OUR FALL YARD SALE

What does NOT sell:

DVDs or VHS tapes

Furniture

Books

Computers and computer-related items including programs

Anything with a logo (cruise ship, resort, etc.)

Linens, Luggage, window coverings, rugs

Individual drinking glasses and mugs (sets do sell)

Stuffed animals unless they are new with tags or seem new (nothing "previously loved")

Clear glass vases

What DOES sell:

New or gently used Seasonal items

Kitchen goods including pots, pans, assorted utensils, mixing bowls  
Flatware - does not have to be matched - odd pieces sell well  
Odd plates (people use them for gifts of food)  
Games and puzzles, laundry baskets  
New-looking "gifty" items -  
Please put your items in the first classroom on the left.

**Allin Congregational Church**

Gathered November 8, 1638

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