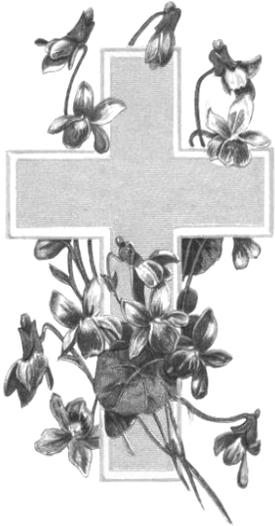


Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2013

Music Prelude		Glenda Teachey
*Call To Worship	"I Come with Joy" Vs. 1, 3	#617
Welcome & Announcements		
*Procession	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"	#103
Praises & Prayer Requests		
Hymn of Preparation	"Spirit of the Living God"	#393
Liturgy of the Word:		
Old Testament	Joel 2:21-29	Mike Scobell
Psalms	Psalm 67 (<i>Responsively</i>)	
Anthem	"There Is A Green Hill Far Away"	Rockland Choir
*Gospel	John 14:1-14	Pastor Bill Faupel
	<i>L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.</i>	
	P: Thanks be to God.	
Message:	"Down From His Glory"	Pastor Bill Faupel



I have been struck by the fact that during the last half of the Easter Season, after His Resurrection, so many of the Gospel passages from the lectionary reflect instead on death, first our Lord's, then our own. Today's Gospel is one that is often used at funerals. Our Lord, facing his own death, looks beyond the cross, beyond the grave, even beyond his resurrection to his Ascension and return to the Father. His death was necessary; He seems to be saying for him to move on to the next phase of His life. What was true for Him then would one day be true for His disciples and will one be true for each of us. This morning I want to focus our attention on some aspects of the meaning of death, both our Lord's and ours in the hope that it will bring some fresh insight for how we live our lives.

*Affirmation of Faith		#882
Special Music:	"Down from His Glory"	Donna-Jean Nelson

***Please stand as you are able**

Liturgy of the Table:

+Holy Communion		Shirley & Cara Massey
	<i>+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the server.</i>	
*Closing Hymn	"Shall We Gather at the River" Vs. 1, 2, 4	#723
*Blessing		Pastor Bill Faupel
*Benedictory Response	"I Come with Joy" Vs. 4, 5	#617
Postlude		Glenda Teachey

Next Sunday's Scriptures:

I Samuel 1:1-20; Psalm 68; II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 1:26-38

To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a "Meet & Greet" after the service...

We welcome you to worship with us again!



Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. (John 14:6 New Living Translation)

***Please stand as you are able**