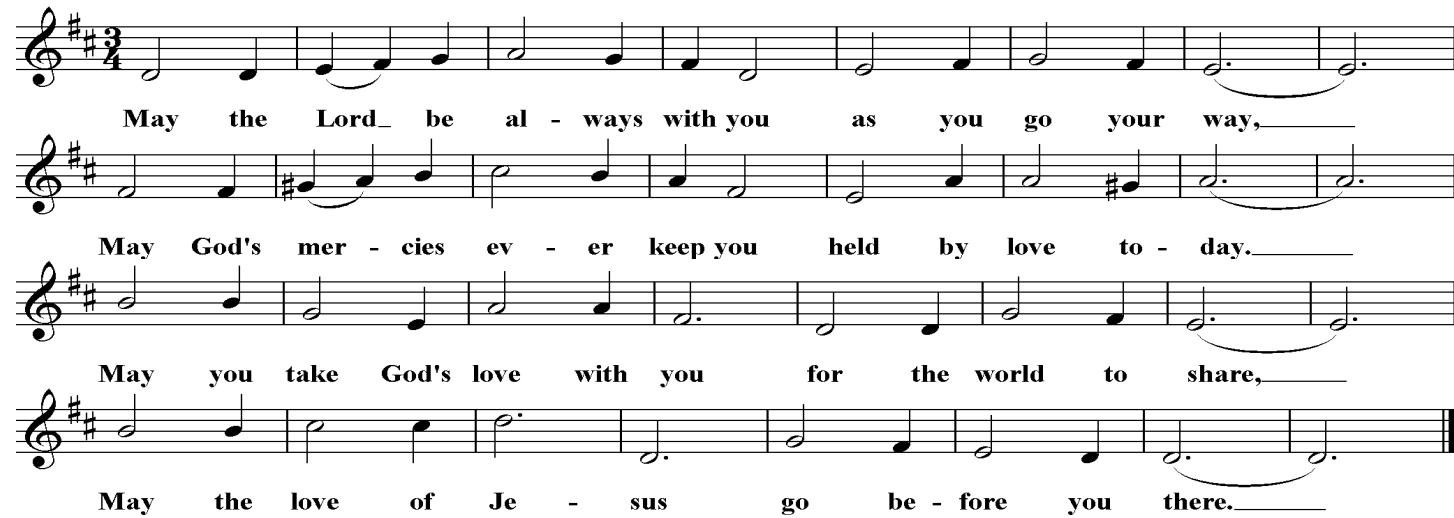


**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Ben Allaway



May the Lord be al - ways with you as you go your way, \_\_\_\_\_  
 May God's mer - cies ev - er keep you held by love to - day. \_\_\_\_\_  
 May you take God's love with you for the world to share, \_\_\_\_\_  
 May the love of Je - sus go be - fore you there. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

Please see a Deacon if you need assistance with any of the following: baby changing stations, nursing room, name badges, large-print bulletins, hearing aids, prayer requests, sermon manuscripts or pastoral needs.

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**Serving this weekend**

**DEACONS:** Betty Fosburgh, John Childers, Jim Christenson, Jane Flanagan, Linda Knodle, Jeff Marks, Sara Minnis, Mary Pearson, Ann Peterson, Char Rembolt, Barb Smith, Elaine Van Dyck, Bill Wedeking

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May 20, 2012

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
(Baccalaureate Sunday)**

9 a.m.

**INVITATION TO PREPARE**

Matt Mardis-LeCroy

**PRELUDE**

*Prélude, Fugue et Variation*

César Franck

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

**LEADER:** You young things, big-eyed and squirrely, praise God!

**PEOPLE:** **People, praise God!**

**LEADER:** Older folks, tired but smiling still, praise God!

**PEOPLE:** **People, praise God!**

**LEADER:** In the classroom, at the office, from the kitchen, praise God!

**PEOPLE:** **People, praise God!**

**LEADER:** Wherever you go -

**PEOPLE:** **People, praise God!**

**LEADER:** In whatever you do -

**PEOPLE:** **People, praise God!**

**\*HYMN 32**

*God of Grace and God of Laughter*

SOUTH BRANCH

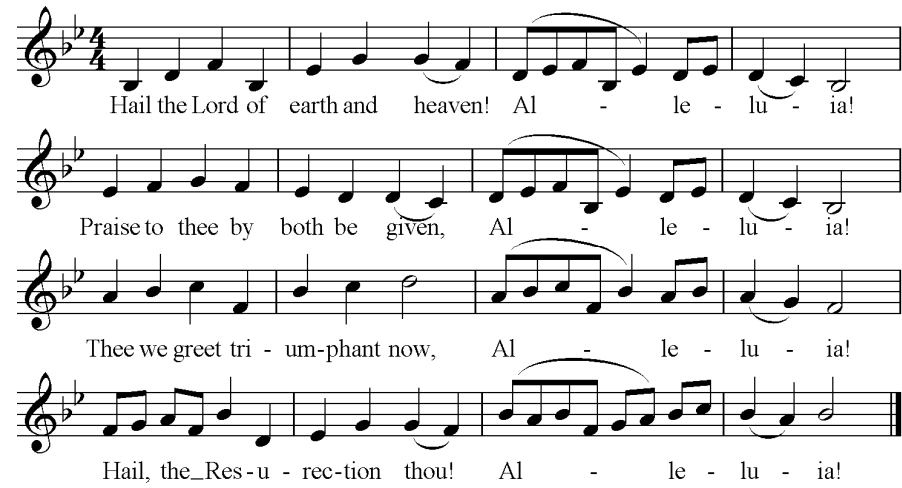
**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (unison)

**Eternally gracious God, we have gathered to affirm the greatest truths we know: that your love is the foundation of our lives, and loves, and labors; that Christ's way of living for others is your will for us all; that worship is the most important thing we can do to become more fully your people. Bless our gathering with your presence, that we might find here comfort and challenge, peace and power; then send us forth to live as we believe. This we ask through Christ our Lord, as together we pray in the words he has taught us...**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using debts)

**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.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**



Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri - um-phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail, the Res-u - rec-tion thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

**SCRIPTURE**

John 17:6-19

Angie Witmer

6I 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. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for 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. 9I 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. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11And 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. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

\*\*\* (Leave for education programs)

9:15-10 a.m. Christian Education is offered for two year olds - sixth grade

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

David Ruhe

**ANTHEM**

*Many Gifts One Spirit*  
Matins Choir

Allen Pote

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with you also.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**PERSONAL PRAYERS IN SILENCE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 445**

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

**SERMON**

*The First Baccalaureate*

Anthony Livolsi

**BLESSING OF THE SENIOR CLASS**

**CALL TO SHARING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*On Eagle's Wings*  
Matins Choir

arr Lloyd Larson

**\*DOXOLOGY**



Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise  
 God a - bove ye heav'n-ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 374**

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

SERVANT SONG

**\*BENEDICTION**