

Welcome to



Sermon Notes

How to Win

I John 5.1-8

6 May 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Our Gospel reading is John 15.1-8 and our response is, **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”** spoken in unity aloud.

Call to Worship: Psalm 98

Hymns: Opening #511 Prayer #524 Closing #499

At the presentation of our offerings we sing the Doxology # 668

Studies this Week:

Wednesday– 6:30pm – Women's Group - “Finding I AM”

7 pm– Men's Group - Christ in the Old Testament

Thursday – 10:30am or 7:00pm – Bible Study – The Book of Galatians

We are pleased to have Dr. Gwynn Ramsey of the Gideons with us today.

By next Sunday please bring in the items we are collecting for the Bedford Pregnancy Center. The collection box is in the Narthex and more information is at the Welcome Center.

We will be changing the date of the mini retreat on “What is Your Spiritual Gift and Why does it Matter?” to a Saturday in June. TBD. But until then there are Spiritual Gift Inventories that Pastor Tom would like **everyone** to take. It will be a lot of fun; there are no “wrong” answers; and you won't need to turn in or share anything with anyone else.

Andrew Foster has one more concert!! The Liberty University Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday May 8 at 7:30. Selections will include the scores from “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” and “Jurassic World” as well as Wagner’s “Flying Dutchman Overture” and Respighi’s “Pines of Rome.” This Concert will be in the School of Music Concert Hall and will likely cost \$5.

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1. **Who Overcomes** - _____!

2. **How we Overcome** - _____.

3. **What we Overcome** – The _____

(Believers, Confession, World)

Invocation & Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5)

C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43)

C: Amen

Call to Worship: Responsive reading of Psalm 98

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Pr. Tom Bryant

“Not Everyone Likes Ministry”

Luke 4.16-30

I. The Context - _____ you are

II. The Custom - _____ you live

III. The Calling - _____ you do

The Anointed One - _____!

IV. The Critics - _____ test you

The Rejected One - _____!

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