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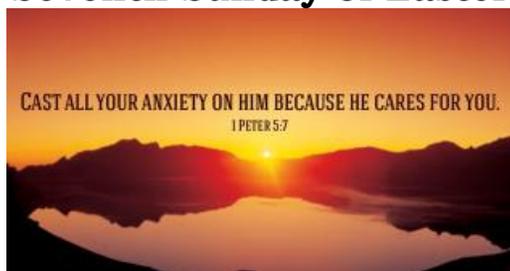
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## Worship Guide

Sunday May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter



**0. Prepare** to worship: *Silently read* **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

**1. Prelude** to Worship: Welcome and invite to participate

**2. Participate** the Call to Celebration

**3. Prayers** of the people:

### Prayer in response to deceased family and friends:

God, we gather together in prayer, as we enter your presence, to first and foremost say thank YOU and to most assuredly declare that even in the midst of our great sorrow You are comforting us, loving us, holding us through the difficult times, and attentively speaking to us. Your Word of Hope assures us that a day is coming when death shall be no more and that we shall be reunited fully with all who have gone before us in Christ Jesus. We honor them in this prayer to you as we remember to celebrate their life and carry on the legacy of the best version of themselves. Heaven Farther and Mighty God, reign in every head, heart, and habit of ours as your collective people. Let your healing waters flow; let your grace and

mercy abound with each of us and with those whom we care about and are associated with. Take our tears, as well as those of your people across the globe and even of those who have not yet been saved by placing faith in Jesus, and multiply within us and overflowing from us a joy that the world does not give and that the world is unable to take a way. Take our silence and magnify your Word in us. Permit us all in these uncertain and extraordinary times to find REST in YOU, HOPE in YOU, and PURPOSE in YOU. Bless us even now as together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to prayer... AMEN

**4. Proclaim** the Good News:

**Sermon Text:** **1 Peter 5:7**

**5. Pledge** our Tithes and Offerings:

**Additional considerations for giving:**

- Hand Sanitizer, Sanitizing wipes, Disinfectant spray, Hand soap, Masks

**Scripture for giving:** **John 3:16**

**Offertory Prayer:** God of Glory and Majesty, we have seen your glory in Christ, for it shines in our lives through the faithful who have walked with us on this journey. In seeing Christ's glory in them, we have seen you. As we bring our gifts to you, remind us that the world will not see you and your glory unless they see it in each of us. Remind us as we move through each day that all around us are your children who are desperately searching for a glimpse of your holy presence and love. May they see it in us today. In the holy name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**6. Provide** opportunities for discipleship

**7. Pronounce** the Benediction



**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 5:7

**Sermon Title:** It's Okay to Let It Go: C.A.S.T!

**Sermon Take-aways:**

Our inability or refusal to let some things go could very well be hindering or handicapping our ability to take hold of the new goodies God sends our way each day. Sin entangles us, no doubt and disrupts our individual and collective enjoyment of the good and abundant life that faith in Jesus and following Jesus gives us, but sin is not the only thing that trips us up, slows us down, and causes us to stumble and even fall in the journey of faith. The writer of Hebrews, while differently from St Peter in our text in 1 Peter 5:7, tells us essentially the same message as St. Peter. And that message is that we have got to let some things go, because it is the letting go that enhances our individual and collective running of the race that is set before us. Sin, we know about, but we often overlook the other stuff. Hebrew 12:1 says "let us lay aside every weight...", hence there are some things that we are carrying that we should not be as we look to Jesus and run this race. Some of those things are not necessarily bad things. Care is a heavy weight that many of us are carrying, perhaps even more so in these unprecedented uncertain times. These cares are legitimate and no one, church or unchurch, can fault us for carrying them; nevertheless, we should not be carrying them. St Peter in our text informs us that it's okay to let it go. In fact, spoken like a true fisherman, St Peter says CAST our cares upon the God who cares for us. Casting is deliberate and delicate. It is not done carelessly nor haphazardly. St. Peter encourages us to deliberately and delicately cast our cares to God, who will not only receive our care and handle them with care, but return some blessings back to us:

C - Confidence to live carefree

A - Assurance to keep going

S - Solutions to address every situation

T - Testimonies to tell

