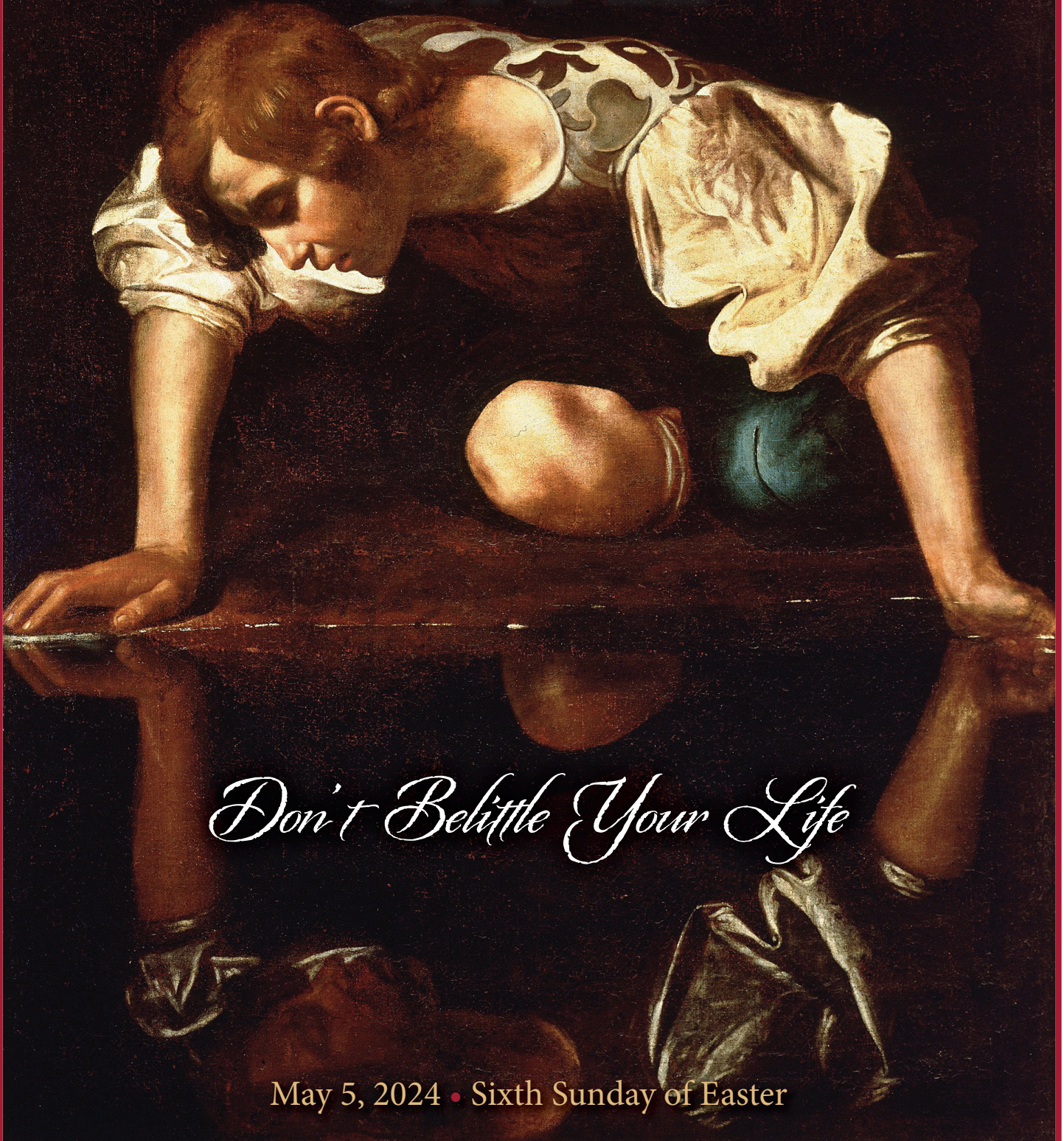




# WALKER'S CHAPEL



*Don't Belittle Your Life*

May 5, 2024 • Sixth Sunday of Easter



## Service of Worship

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### *Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation*

#### *Words of Greeting*

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

**People:** And also with you.

### **God Calls His People and Reveals Himself**

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

#### *Call to Worship • Psalm 150*

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!”

#### *Hymn of Praise • O Worship the King (Hymnal, page 2), verses 1-4*

### **God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation**

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God’s favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

#### *Prayer of Confession • 1 Peter 3:8-12*

**Leader:** Lord, you call us to have unity of mind, sympathy for others, and brotherly love.

**People:** **You call us to be tender hearted with a humble mind.**

**Leader:** You call us to bless others, for in so doing, we too will obtain a blessing.

**People:** **But too often we repay evil for evil. We revile, condemn, and scorn others.**

**Leader:** Your Word says that “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.”

**People:** **Yet we often use our tongue to justify our actions and attitudes, to undermine others, and to speak lies or half-truths to promote ourselves.**

**Leader:** You call us to turn away from evil and do good, to seek peace and pursue it.

**All:** **But we tend to pursue our own goals rather than pursuing peace.**

**Leader:** Help us to turn our eyes toward you, for your eyes are on the righteous, and you hear their prayers.

**All:** **Forgive us for seeking our own way, and help us to live fully for you. Amen.**

#### *Silent Prayers of Confession*

## ***Assurance of Pardon • Psalm 130:3-4***

“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” Amen.

## ***Hymn of Praise • Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymnal, page 32)***

## **God Teaches Us Through His Word**

### ***Scripture Reading • Philippians 3:1-11***

“Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh – though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

### ***Sermon***

*Don't Belittle Your Life* – Jason Cashell, Guest Speaker

## ***Hymn of Commitment • Take My Life and Let it Be (Hymnal, page 585)***

## **God's People Respond in Grateful Praise**

### ***Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession***

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

## **God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness**

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## ***Hymn of Prayer • Be Thou My Vision (Hymnal, page 642)***

## *Benediction • 1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’” Amen.

### *O Thou in Whose Presence*

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I  
know the sweet sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for  
Thou art my All, and in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.



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