

***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God...All Blessings Flow" "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

***Unison Prayer of Dedication** (written by Thom Schuman)

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you, Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Terri D'Onofrio, The Family of Mike Savage, Terry Savage, Peggy Price, Meg Yanefski, The Family of Joe Bradley, The Family of Ryan McCleery, The Family of Susan Hans, Ellorah Maeve, Erin Fitzpatrick, Caroline, David, Jamie, Hayden, Sue Hummel, The Family of Mavis Finch, Jessie Scanlon, Elaine Scheetz, Alan Henry, Damian, Marjorie

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 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.

***Hymn No. 5** "God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 243** "Be Not Afraid"

"Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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Postlude "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" - arr. Pachelbel

***** Please stand as you are able. *****

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Ushers	Mike Ballard & Bobbi Wilkins
Liturgist	Renee Sheridan
Acolyte	Emory Wichart

Happy Mother's Day!



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10 AM Worship Service ❖ May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

"Since God could not be everywhere, he made mothers" - *The Talmud, as quoted by Harry Emerson Fosdick*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Come, All of You" - Thai folk song, arr. Latva

Call to Worship

One: Come and see the great works of God!

All: The weak are made strong, joy is mined from heartache, and strangers become friends,

One: God's incredible gifts are all around us!

All: The thoughtless learn care, the voiceless speak, and the hopeless dream.

One: Come and see what God is doing!

All: Life is brought forth, love is made flesh, and hope is lived out.

One: Come and worship God!

***Hymn No. 263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (*Adapted from Micah 7*)

One: There is no one like God, who pardons our sins and forgets all of our offenses. God doesn't hold on to grudges but delights in showing mercy. Your mistakes and failures—they are already forgotten. Go forth knowing that you are loved, and share that love with your neighbor.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***Hymn No. 582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

"Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be." Amen.

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also, with you.**

Anthem "Gracious God, You Love Your Children" - Latvian folk song
Sunshine Singers and Chimers

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *1 Peter 3: 13-22* **New Testament** pg. 234, LP pg. 284

2nd Reading: *Acts 17: 22-31* **New Testament** pgs. 137-138 LP pg. 168

Sermon "Nearer Than We Think" – *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Installation of Darlene Powell

*Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostle's Creed*)

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Installation

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Darlene whom you called through baptism as your own. Grant her the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Guide her to show the compassion of Christ in her daily life and lead us well.

Give her the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give her gladness and strength discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, good friends along the journey, and an abiding sense of your presence.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

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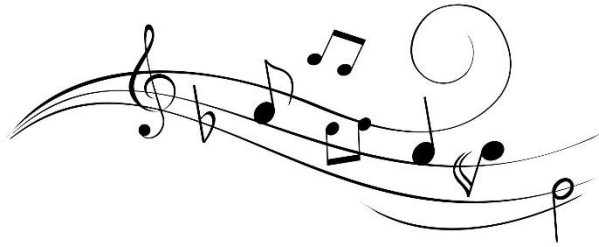
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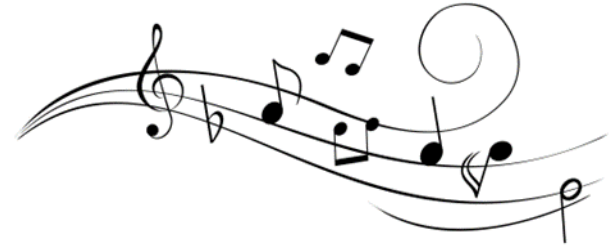
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