

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Organ & Piano • Chris DiMarco, Cantor

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### Prelude

*La plus que lent*

by Claude Debussy

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### Welcome

with Pastor Jeremiah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Jeremiah

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!**

Let all people praise you, O Lord.

**Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.**

God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

**Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing. Amen.**

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### + Opening Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

United Methodist Hymnal #89

#### Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

#### Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

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## Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

## Verse 4

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

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## Opening Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

*God of dreams and Lord of visions, we pray for eyes to see and ears to hear, for hearts and minds that will respond to all that you reveal to us. We ask the Holy*

*Spirit to empower us today, so that we can be used as a channel to bring justice and peace, freedom and healing and love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

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## Passing the Peace

with Pastor Hannah

The peace of Christ be with you!

*And also with you!*

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## Song

*Jesus Loves Me*

United Methodist Hymnal #191

## Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! [x3]  
The Bible tells me so.

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## Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

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## Scripture

with Sally Hines

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### *Acts 16:9-15*

*16:9 Then one night Paul had a vision. A Macedonian stood before him and said, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After this vision, we\* immediately made efforts to get across to Macedonia, convinced that God had called us to bring them the Good News. 11 We put out to sea from Troas and set a course straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis; 12 from there we went to Philippi, which is one of the bigger cities in Macedonia and a Roman colony, and spent a few days there. 13 On the Sabbath we went along the river outside the gates, thinking we might find a place of prayer. We sat down and preached to the women who had come to the gathering. 14 One of them was named Lydia, a devout woman from the town of Thyatira who was in the purple-dye trade. As she listened to us, Christ opened her heart to accept what Paul was saying. 15 After she and her household were baptized, she extended us an invitation: "If you are convinced that I am a believer in Christ, please come and stay with us." We accepted.*

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## Response to Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God!*

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## Song of Preparation

*Pavane*

by Maurice Ravel

arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

with Carrillon Bells, Kyle Markwell, Director

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## Sermon Preparation

May the words of my mouth,  
*and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to your Spirit,  
our Rock and our Redeemer.*

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## Sermon

*Open Your Heart to Listen*

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Hymn of Response

*Be Thou My Vision*

United Methodist Hymnal #451

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## Verse 1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

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naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

## Verse 2

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

## Verse 3

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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### Celebration of 2022 Graduates

with Pastor Jeremiah

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### Prayer with Graduates

with Pastor Hannah

You, Great Teacher, guide us all as students of life  
lived in faith; since before written word, you have  
walked with us in our struggles and in our  
celebrations. It was you bursting old wine skins with  
new wine on the mount. It was you feeding the

multitudes with your words on the plain. It is you  
who are the light that is passed from generation to  
generation in the journey of life. It is you walking  
with these graduates as we bless them in your  
name. Continue to walk today with these graduates  
as we bless them in your name.

*May God's bright flame from the lamp of  
knowledge guide you. May God's warm glow  
off the pages of this book of wisdom comfort  
you. May the cool baptismal waters of God  
continue to refresh you in your endings and  
new beginnings. May your soul always be fed  
at Christ's table, may your heart always be  
open in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and  
may your mind be transformed in the mighty  
presence of the Great "I Am." God is with you.  
God is with us. Go with God. Amen.*

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### Mission Minute

*Aurora Pride Parade*

with June Green

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### Offering Invitation

with Pastor Hannah

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## Offertory

*Polar*

by Ola Gjeilo

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

United Methodist Hymnal #94

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## Prayer of Dedication

with Pastor Hannah

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## Announcements

with Pastor Hannah

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## + Hymn of Sending Forth

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

United Methodist Hymnal #577

verses 1, 2 & 4

### Verse 1

God of grace and God of glory,

on the people pour thy power;

crown thine ancient church's story;

bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

for the facing of this hour,

for the facing of this hour.

### Verse 2

Lo! the hosts of evil round us

scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!

Fears and doubts too long have bound us;

free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

for the living of these days,

for the living of these days.

### Verse 4

Save us from weak resignation

to the evils we deplore;

let the search for thy salvation

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be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

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## **Benediction**

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## **Postlude**

*Jardins sous la pluie*

by Claude Debussy

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