

Christ Church United Methodist

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Jacob Cogman

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

arr. William Bay

David Catlett, trumpet; Deanna Catlett, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come close and listen!

People: The One who made heaven and earth sings a song of life!

Leader: Come close and listen!

People: The One who raises us from the dead sings a song of love!

Leader: Come close and listen!

People: The One who walks with us through fire and water sings a song of hope!

Leader: Alleluia! We join the eternal song of life, love and hope.

All: Alleluia! God's song goes on and on!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn 89

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!

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.

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.

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn 92, stanza 6

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

CALL TO PRAYER

Bless the Lord

Taizé

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jacob Cogman

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Be Not Afraid

Taylor Davis

Erin Cornett, Susan Blosser, Daniel Blosser, and Nick Peak, soloists

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 95

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

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

Laura Worth

SERMON

It's a Hard-Knock Life

Rev. Rebecca Curry

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn 529, stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Rebecca Curry

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato

Henry Purcell

David Catlett, trumpet; Deanna Catlett, piano