

Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Prelude *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Carly Rawlings

Call to Worship

The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.
It is God who has kept us from falling and saved our lives.
Let our thanks and praise resound throughout this place of worship
Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we do.
Open your hearts and spirits to God this day.
Lord, be with us and place your hand of healing in our lives.

*Hymn 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* DARWALL'S 148TH

*Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus' name.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

*Kyrie (Hymn 466) *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Jacques Berthier



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia.

(*All who are able may stand.)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

Passing the peace is more than a greeting. It is a ritual acting out of Jesus' call to love and forgive others, as we have been loved. We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

*Response to God's Grace (Hymn 634 v.1) *To God Be the Glory* William H. Doane

**To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

PROCLAMATION

Message for Children *This is Where Children Belong* James Ritchie

**This, this is where children belong; welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.**

Anthem *Walk in the Light* arr. Andre Thomas

Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-21 Pew Bible, NT, page 109

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed *Betty Connette*

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (pg. 35 in front of hymnal)

*Hymn 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

Sharing Pastoral Joys and Concerns

