

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE	Melody Raef
WELCOME	Ellen Davis
INTROIT	Sanctuary

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *adapted from Psalm 98*

Leader: Let all of creation sing to the LORD a new song:

People: God has done marvelous things, has shown us their steadfast love.

Leader: We join the chorus of the earth making a joyful noise:

People: The roar of the seas, the clap of the waves; the hills sing for joy.

Leader: In the blessed presence of the LORD, we proclaim:

People: God is abounding in steadfast love, and welcomes us in this space.

***SONG OF PRAISE** *#455 All Creatures of our God and King*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of abundant grace, we know that you judge the world with righteousness, and your peoples with equity. Yet we are not a people who are slow to speak and quick to listen. We cast judgment with speed on those who do not live, believe, or act the way that we think they ought. Forgive us God, for our human divisions. God of steadfast love, forgive our stubborn hearts that turn from your command to love. Help us to not see your commandments as burdensome, but to faithfully turn away from the ways of this world. May your victory that conquers the world be known in us. In the name of the one who made us new by water and blood, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** *#579 Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever and shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...**And also with you.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

PRESBYTERIAN MINUTE

FIRST LESSON *1 John 4:15-21; Pew Bible p. 991*

SECOND LESSON *John 15:9-17; Pew Bible p. 878*

ANTHEM Be Still My Soul

SERMON "True Friendship" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

***SONG OF RESPONSE** *#438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION *#319 Spirit*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, they 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

#592 Doxology

***SONG OF SENDING**

#403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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THE SESSION 2024

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To further God's Kingdom on Earth, one soul at a time.