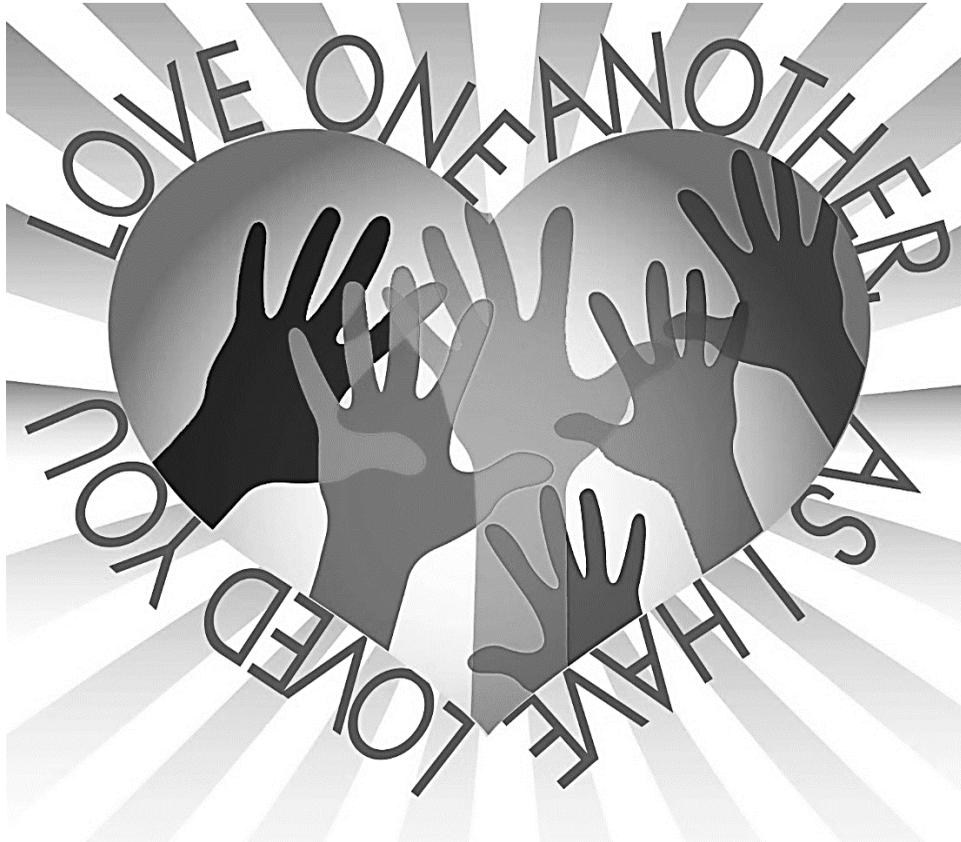


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May 9, 2021

✝ 6th *Sunday of Easter* ✝ 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

(* = Please stand in body or spirit.)

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn *

“Gather Us In”

Verses 1-3 ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of the Day *

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Bell Anthem

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

PraisRing

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 98

L: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,

C: whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

L: O Lord, you have made known your victory,

C: you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

L: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C: all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

L: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;

C: lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

L: Sing to the Lord with the harp,

C: with the harp and the voice of song.

L: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C: shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

C: the world and those who dwell therein.

L: Let the rivers clap their hands,

C: and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

L: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness

C: and the peoples with equity.

Lector: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Bell Anthem

“Sing Hallelujah”

PraisRing

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse * "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Verses 1 & 3 ELW 631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Gospel Reading *

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:]⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Time

Sermon

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

The Easter Creed *

(Acts 10:34-43)

I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Amen.

Prayers of the People *

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” ELW 752 **Sing Twice**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

During our Prayers of the People, there is a time to offer your own prayer petitions. These may be offered either silently or out loud.

Liturgist: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing the Peace *

When we receive the greeting of peace and extend it to others at worship, we are calling on the power of the Spirit of Christ to still the storms that threaten to overtake us. The greeting of peace is a word of power, far more than a “good morning,” passing the peace is a shared word of faith in God’s might.

P: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

We greet each other with a gesture of peace (a bow, the peace sign, or a wave) using these or similar words: “Peace be with you.”

The Great Thanksgiving *

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Hymn of Praise *

"You Are Holy"

ELW 525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Words of Institution

P: Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this hurting world. Breathe your Spirit upon us and on this bread and cup. Carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your children, wrapped in your love and clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

C: Thanks be to God.

We will remain in our seats and commune together as the pastor says:

P: The body of Christ given for you. **C: Amen.**

P: The blood of Christ shed for you. **C: Amen.**

Please dispose of your containers as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Communion Blessing

P: May these gifts of life, the body and blood of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you, encourage you, and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Liturgist: Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction *

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Dismissal *

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

You may either take your bulletin home or recycle it in the bin provided. We cannot reuse bulletins due to COVID-19 concerns.

As you leave the sanctuary, please dispose of your communion containers in the wastebasket provided.

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8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

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We give thanks for today's Worship Assistants:

May 9	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
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Usher	Marsha McBrady	Tami Garrow
Lector and Liturgist	Darcy Huffman	Amelia Morlock
Cleaners	Dorn Barr, Frank Kinkela	

Grape Seed

Sunday (5/9)

- 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
1:00 p.m. Softball practice (Chinook Field No. 4)

Monday (5/10)

Tuesday (5/11)

- 6:30 p.m. Quarter Circle via Zoom

Wednesday (5/12)

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday (5/13)

- 2:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study via Zoom with Pastor Beth
7:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study via Zoom with Pastor Beth

Friday (5/14)

Church Office Closed

Saturday (5/15)

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- ✝ **Flowers** today are given by Marsha McBrady in celebration of all May birthdays and in loving memory of her husband Wayne.
- ✝ **Softball practice** is today from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at Chinook Field No. 4.
- ✝ This Tuesday, May 11, the Quarter Circle will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. They will be discussing two books – *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger and *New and Selected Poems, Volume One* by Mary Oliver. A Zoom link will be sent out the day of the meeting.
- ✝ You are invited to join Pastor Beth in a **Zoom Book Study** of "How to be an Anti-Racist" written by Ibram X. Kendi, at either 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. every Thursday through June 10. Prior to this week Thursday's class, you are asked to read chapters 4-6 (about 40 pages of reading). We will then discuss those chapters when we gather on Zoom. Although it is very helpful, you do not have to read all the material to join the conversation. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the class date.

May 13	Chapters 4-6 (Biology, Ethnicity, Body)
May 20	Chapters 7-9 (Culture, Behavior, Color)
May 27	Chapters 10-12 (White, Black, Class)
June 3	Chapters 13-15 (Space, Gender, Sexuality)
June 10	Chapters 16-18 (Failure, Success, Survival)