

# Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*O Lord, surround us with your peace, sustain us by your grace, and strengthen us in your Word. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

"Psalm-Prelude"

arr. Hebble

WELCOME

Claudia Morgan-Gray

\*INTROIT #10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God" (v.1)

Gambrell, 2009

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

***We come, with the pain of our burdens; we come to hear God's Word of hope.***

Together, as we sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God whisper our name, 'Beloved.'

***We join our voices in prayer and praise; we sing of our longing for new lives.***

Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light; here we discover that God dwells in us.

***God dwells with us. God teaches us to love. God's Spirit leads us in peace.***

\*HYMN #828

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Prentiss, 1856

CALL TO CONFESSION

How easily we can learn of God's love - but how hard it is to live it. The world distracts us with its easy choices, while we know how intentional we must be to love one another. Please join me as we confess our failures and we open our hearts to our merciful God. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Because you dwell in our hearts, Generous God, you know how the anger, the pain, and the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children and grandchildren to be kind and gentle to others, yet they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, does not live in us. You***

***promise a new heaven and a new earth, so please create new spirits and new lives within us, Healing God. Shattered by sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living in our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, dear Jesus, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love. Please forgive us, and let us try once more.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Word which can transform us is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us. In the name of God's Son, we are forgiven.

***In our inner core, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with divine peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

\*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 shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Acts 16: 9-15

Bibles, p.127/LG. p.165

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #521

"In Remembrance of Me"

Courtney, 1972

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 14: 23-29

Bibles, p.103/ LG. p.133

The Word of God, for the People of God

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

"How Do You Define Love?"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***"God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve***

*the purpose of God's love." This, we believe. Amen.*

– *The Confession of 1967* 9.15

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"I Look to the Hills"* arr. Koury

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.*

### *Sending*

\*HYMN #547 *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* (v.1&2) Vajda, 1983

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #547 *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* (v.3)

POSTLUDE *"When in Our Music God is Glorified"* arr. Walters

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week's prayers and concerns:** Fonta Conway, Debbie Murphy, Cindy & Bob Ratliff, Tolly Dill, Jack Clark and family, Jack Gray, Syble & Tom DeLoach, David Craig, and the family of Martha Paul Bennett.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thur. 05/05 Christian Education Meeting 2:00pm

Sun. 05/08 Mother's Day

*Kids For God Every Wed. at 4:15pm & Choir Practice Every Wed. at 5:45pm*

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Peace  
I leave with you;



My Peace  
I give you.

John 14:27

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