

# Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 06, 2018

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Holy One, we begin today breathing in your love for us, for others, and for the world. Keep us mindful of all the marvelous things you are doing around and within us today. Help us to feel our friendship with Jesus and his confidence in us. Maintain in our hearts the image of ourselves as a tree, bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere we go today. Amen*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Kelly Weaver

\*INTROIT #611      *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* (v.1)

Dyke, 1907

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to our God a new song.

*God has done marvelous things!*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

*Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

*Let the world and its people sing together for joy!*

\*HYMN #611      *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* (v.2-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love. First, let's pray silently and then continue with the Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray.*

*Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

*Thanks be to God.*

\*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

Psalms 98

Bibles, p.521/LG. p.678

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #465

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Converse, 1868

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-17

Bibles, p.103/LG. p.134

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Rev. Dr. Jimmie Reese

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will*

*come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*–The Nicene Creed*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #306

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (v.1-4)*

Fawcett, 1782

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #306

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (v.5)*

POSTLUDE

Selected

(\* ) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

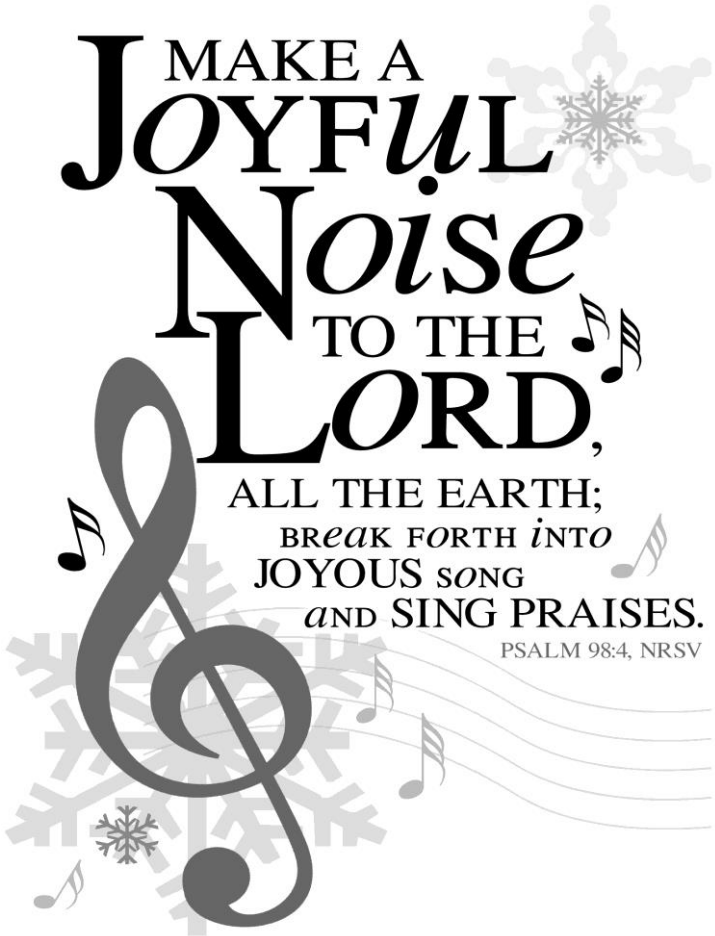
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun. 05/13

Communion

Sun. 05/13

Mother’s Day



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