

Sixth Sunday after Easter

May 05, 2024 - 10:00 AM

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WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude

“Assurance”

Robert Bucklee Farley

Announcements

“Not So Children’s Time

***Call to Worship**

Led by Susan Russell

East Side: This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

West Side: I was glad when they said to me, “let us go into the house of the Lord!”

East Side: Once God has spoken, twice have I heard this, that true power belongs to God.

West Side: Also to you, O Lord, belong lovingkindness and compassion.

All: Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” verses 1-4 only

Hymn #455

Prayer of Restoration

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one Table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, and send us from your Table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri (#579)**

Passing of the Peace

Led by Susan Russell

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: AND ALSO WITH YOU. (Greet each other sharing signs of peace & reconciliation.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 98 (Blue Bible p.521 Black Bible p.551)

New Testament Lesson

John 15: 9-17 (Blue Bible p.103 Black Bible p.109)

Communion Meditation

“Love One Another”

Rev. Dr. Peter Kelley

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Led by Susan Russell

One: Let us dream of a church in which all members are certain that in the divine heart we are all known by name.

All: In which the Spirit is not a party symbol, but wind and fire in everyone; gracing the church with a kaleidoscope of gifts and constant renewal for all.

One: In which worship is lively and fun as well as reverent and holy; and we might be moved to dance and laugh; to be solemn, cry or beat the breast.

All: Where people know how to pray and enjoy it – frequently and regularly, privately, and corporately, in silence and word and song.

One: A church denying the separation between secular and sacred, world and church, since it is the world Christ came and died for.

All: So deeply rooted in gospel and tradition that, like a living tree, it can swing in the wind and continually surprise us with new blossoms.

One: Let us dream of a church as a ministering community rather than a community gathered around a minister.

All: Where leaders are signs and animators – living reminders – of the church's servanthood as the body of Christ who came as, and is, the servant of all God's beloved children.

One: A church so salty and so yeasty that it really would be missed if no longer around.

All: A church so evangelical that its worship, its quality of caring, its eagerness to reach out to those in need cannot be contained.

One: Where each group is in mission and each member gifted for ministry; a crew on a freighter, not passengers on a luxury liner.

All: A community: an open, caring, sharing household of faith where all find embrace, acceptance, and affirmation.

One: We dream of a people called to recognize the absurdities in ourselves and one another, including the absurdity that is LOVE, serious about the call and the mission, but not, very much, about ourselves.

All: We pledge to work to make the dream reality in our lives, in our church, in the world, in the name of Jesus the Christ! Amen.

(Adapted by the Session from The Dream of Bishop Wesley Frensdorff)

Offertory Anthem

***Doxology (#592) & Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation**

Rev. Dr. Peter Kelley

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

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

People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sung Response: "Jesus, Remember Me" No. 599

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (*Deb VanDuzer, Paul Geiger, Ann Romeo, Dick Romeo, John Zaveski*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

****According to the governing body of this congregation (the Session), the Communion Table is an open table. This means that any baptized person who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and is sincerely attempting to follow in his ways, is welcome at the table.**

"Whoever comes to me, I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37)

"A dimly burning wick God will not quench." (Isaiah 42:3)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn**

"At the Font We Start Our Journey"

Hymn #2114

Benediction

Postlude

"Lasst uns erfreuen"

Mark Sedio

Music: Daniel Koontz

Usher/Greeter: O.D. Lingo, Muffie Baker

***If you are able, please stand.**

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her husband Ray Mathie by Joan Mathie.

There will be a meeting of the congregation May 19th immediately after stated worship to approve the proposed changes to the bylaws. In compliance with the bylaws copies of the proposed changes are available in the church office. By order of the session, Elder Liz Burns, clerk.

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A hearty welcome to you today!

**We are strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers, and doubters,
the certain and the curious, because ever since the calling of disciples,
Jesus attracts a mixed company to his side.**

May Christ be your companion today and all week.