

The Worship of God

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

We Gather in God's Presence

Prelude

Carole McMillen

In the Garden
John Posey, piano

As you gather for worship in whatever space you find yourself, center your heart and spirit on God's presence in your life.

Lighting of the Altar Candles

The light symbolizes the presence of God in our worship and in our lives.

Presenting the Cross

The cross symbolizes the grace of God given freely to all people

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes

Chiming of the Trinity

(God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit)

Call to Worship

Rev. Suzanne Ringer

Live in God's love!

Let that love be poured out for all God's people!

Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

We are called to be God's witnesses.

Celebrate and rejoice.

Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace.

Hymn 281

BEECHER

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of Heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Children's Time

Mrs. Kim Shaw

We Hear God's Word and Pray

Scripture

Mrs. Leigh Reynolds

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth



promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Prayers of the People

Mrs. Reynolds

We Grow from God's Word

Song

Davis Haas

You Are Mine

Angel Thomasson and Rev. Ringer, duet

*I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice; I claim you as My choice; Be still, and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night; I will be your light; Come and rest in Me.*

Chorus:

*Do not be afraid, I am with you; I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me; I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine*

*I am strength for all the despairing; Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My Name [Chorus]*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain; Stand up, now, walk, and live [Chorus]*

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Sermon

Rev. Dr. Hayes

We Respond to God's Word and Pray

Song of Response 323

HOW GREAT THOU ART

How Great Thou Art

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]*

*And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]*

We Worship through Our Giving

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We Are Sent Forth to Share with Others

Service and Fellowship of the Church

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Hayes

Postlude

Robert Powell

Up From the Grave He Arose

