

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**



*At the ringing of the chimes, please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.*

***Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Voluntary

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone  
Cynthia Warren – Oboe

Introit

I will sing with the spirit *(I Corinthians 14, v.15)*

John Rutter

*I will sing with the spirit: alleluia*

*And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia*

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 24: 1-6

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,

<sup>2</sup> **for God has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in a God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup> **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up the soul to what is false  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

\*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Marcia Holcomb

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who  
deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we  
pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and  
reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray.  
Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response

We Walk by Faith

*(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)*

*We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear  
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe him near.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.  
Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by  
your love.

## \*Response #579

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.**

## \*Passing the Peace

We invite you now to greet one another saying,  
**The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.**

## Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

## Moment for Ministry

Marta Morrison/Undie Sunday

## Teacher Appreciation

Margo Works

## Time with Young Disciples

*Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to stay with their  
families, or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.*

## Anthems

The Ground

Ola Gjeilo

Going over home

Sonja Poorman

## \*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all  
creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to prophets and apostles,  
bring this word to us now. Touch our mouths and our hearts with your  
word today, that we may take it into our lives, into our church, and  
into your world. Amen.

The First Lesson Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us,

<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> **Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

**let all the peoples praise you!**

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

<sup>5</sup> **Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

**let all the peoples praise you!**

<sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

<sup>7</sup> **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear God!**

\*Hymn #473

For the Beauty of the Earth *verses 1-4*

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The Second Lesson John 5: 1-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

\*Affirmation of Faith

THE SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 1. What is the chief end of humanity?

A. **Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**

Q. 2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God?

### Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

### Q. 4. What is God?

**A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ('debts' and 'debtors')

\*Hymn                      For the Music of Creation                      *sung to the tune* HYFRYDOL

*For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,  
for your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:  
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice --  
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!*

*Psalms and symphonies all exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,  
hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,  
lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.*

*All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,  
worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet;  
over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,  
harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease.*

## \*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response      Gaelic Blessing      John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing  
Light on you. Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.*

Voluntary      Organ Concerto #13 Allegro      Georg Fredrich Handel  
*Richard Shirey - organ*

Guest musicians for this morning are:

Emily Rode and Marian Goss - violin; Marlene Moses - viola; Greg Fiocca - cello; Ole Latham - bass; Cynthia Warren - oboe; Jane Berkner - flute; Brian Patton - bassoon; Kevin Calavan - trumpet; Richard Shirey - organ – piano.

(Funding for today's musicians was provided by the Brideweser Music Endowment Fund and the Seiberling Music Endowment Fund.)

Westminster Choir: Isabella Anderson, Laura Best, Ronnie Boscarello, Elizabeth Crabtree, Stacy Franzmann, Ben Hayes, Nancy Keogh, Nick Modney, Brian Patton, Marge Rearick, Joel Rhoads, Brian Rodabaugh, Rebecca Sabree, Pat Schumacher, Paul Stewart, Val Stewart, Marian Wahl, Mike Wiley, Alec Works, Kristy Yates.

Serving as liturgist today is Marcia Holcomb.

## ***Announcements***

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given by Harriet Chapman in honor and in loving memory of John D. Chapman on the week of his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday and in gratitude for all active and deceased U. S. Marines. Semper Fidelis!

**Card Box for Margo Works & Bob Carlyon** Please use the box at the connection point in WHH to put cards and thank you notes to Margo and Bob who have both faithfully served the church.

**Undie Sunday** will be with the First Sunday Food Collection on June 5. Under ware, socks, t-shirts, shorts, PJ's etc. for all ages are requested. Monetary donations are also accepted and should also be placed into the red bags. In addition, there will be a box in the Narthex and one in WHH for collection on June 5 and June 12.

**Teachers Needed** We need teachers for both Tweens and Youth! This is the perfect opportunity to express your dedication to both your faith and to the future of our church. Please contact Margo Works.

***Calendar of Church Building Events  
For May 22-29, 2022***

**Sunday, 5/22**

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School  
Parent Visioning of Christian Ed program in Room 106
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream with Special  
Music “I Will Sing With the Spirit”
- 11:30 am Farewell Reception in WHH for Margo Works and  
Bob Carlyon

**Monday, 5/23**

- 3:00 pm Beyond Suffering Disability Class Via Zoom

**Tuesday, 5/24**

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting in Room 106

**Thursday, 5/26**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

**Friday, 5/27**

- 4:30 pm Adams/Emerson Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Youth Pool Party Off Site

**Saturday, 5/28**

- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners in Celtic Garden
- 4:30 pm Adams/Emerson Wedding

**Sunday, 5/29**

- 10:00 am Nursery Opens
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream  
Honor Graduating Senior, Caden Labbe
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH

## Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

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**June 5, Pentecost Sunday** - Let's celebrate as a congregation by wearing red! This day reminds us of how Jesus' promise that God would send the Holy Spirit is fulfilled. By wearing red, we recall the fiery tongues that descended upon the Apostles when they received the Holy Spirit.



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