



Celebrating Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**Please rise as you are able.*

Children are welcome in worship; please use a colorful welcome bag from the rack or join our caregiver at the white craft table in the front right. Our nursery is also open.

PRELUDE “They Will Know We Are Christian By Our Love” Congregational

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marie

1. Session Meeting at 1:30pm and CE Meeting at 4:30pm
2. Tuesday: Book Club meet at 10:15am to go to Charlotte’s (Cash only) in Keo and return for book review; 50+ at The Hook at 6pm
3. Jason Tucker, June 2

INTROIT

“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship,”

Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation divided right and left sides)

R: We give thanks for you!

L: And we give thanks for you!

R: Seeing you brings joy, for together we share in God’s grace.

L: Seeing you brings hope, for together we share stories to build on.

R: We hold you in our hearts, praying that you may know life in its fullness.

L: We hold you in our hearts, praying that you may bear fruit for Christ’s kingdom.

All: May you overflow with love, as together we seek God’s face. Let us praise God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Step By Step”

Congregational

O God You are my God And I will ever praise You

O God You are my God And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning And I will learn to walk
in Your ways And step by step You’ll lead me And I will
follow You all of my days

CALL TO CONFESSION and CONFESSION

We rejoice in the Holy Spirit, for we have received gifts, seen and unseen. Wherever we find ourselves today, and however we arrived at this moment, let us approach God with humbleness of heart, confessing that we fall short of our potential for righteousness, and too easily fall into sin, saying “Hear our prayer, **help our love overflow.**”

Holy God, you call us to share your good news, and to let you handle the rest. We confess that we are prone to distraction, comparing ourselves to others, wondering how to copy them or judging their methods. Hear our prayer, **help our love overflow.**

We admit that we allow this spirit of comparison to steal both our joy and our focus, and so come to believe we are not prepared enough to join in your kingdom work when we don't have everything those other places have. Hear our prayer, **help our love overflow.**

Forgive us for taking our eyes off you. Forgive us for our simultaneous jealousy and judgment. Forgive us for hesitating to follow you because we can't do it the way others do. Hear our prayer, **help our love overflow.**

Remind us again that it is your work in us, your love made known through us, your word spoken through our voices, and strengthen our weakness that we may serve you with joy. Hear us as we pray.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Refiner's Fire” (vs. 2 & chorus)

Verse 2

Purify my heart Cleanse me from within And make me holy Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin Deep within

Chorus

Refiner's fire My heart's one desire Is to be holy Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy Set apart for You my Master Ready to do Your will

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May your love overflow more and more! May God, who began a good work in you continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ—for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING

Philippians 1:1-18a

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops^[a] and deacons:
² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete^[a] it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart,^[a] for all of you are my partners in God's grace,^[a] both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest^[a] of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

¹² I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard^[a] and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, ¹⁴ and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word^[a] with greater boldness and without fear.

¹⁵ Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. ¹⁶ These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my salvation.

SERMON

Pastor Marie

ANTHEM “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” vs. 1-3

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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 the promised rest.
Take away the love of 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.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Video

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With grateful hearts we come, loving God,
offering you our joy for those who have shared this life with us.
For all those who have shown us love and grace,
for all those who have taught us the way of justice and peace,
for all those who have surrounded us with their prayers and hope.
We remember with joy the great cloud of witnesses
whose stories are intertwined with ours,
and we lift them to you — in memory, in prayer, in gratitude.
Open our hearts, **help your love overflow.**

With longing hearts we come, loving God,
offering you our compassion for those who are struggling in these days. For those
who do not experience love,
for those whose daily lives are marked by pain in body, mind, or spirit, for those who
cannot rest as war rages around them.
We remember with sorrow those whose stories are not deemed newsworthy, who
must simply wait through each day without hope,
and we lift them to you — for your justice, your courage, your healing. Open our
hearts, **help your love overflow.**

With confident hearts we come, loving God,
offering you ourselves,
for the work of your kingdom right in front of us,
for the good news our own literal neighbors need to hear,
for the changes that could make the world better in our town.
We remember with a mix of trepidation and trust
that you need us just where we are,

and we lift our eyes to you — that you may reveal your gifts and your calling to us to-
day. Open our hearts, **help your love overflow.**

Keep us close, in your loving connection,
with you and all your people, indeed with all creation,
and continue your good work until the world recognizes your kingdom on earth as in
heaven.

We pray boldly in the name of Christ, and as he taught us to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and for-
give us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Today we offer ourselves and our gifts to God in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us.
You can give by leaving a gift in the plate as we exit the sanctuary, or mailing an offer-
ing to the church address or giving online through our webpage. Your gifts make it
possible to reach out to those in need— if that is you, —physical, mental, spiritual or
financial need—please tell our elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry, or Rev.
Marie.

*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN OF SENDING "Called As Partners In Christ's Service" #761

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work
and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power
and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

“May the Peace of Christ be with you.” “**And also with you.**”

*POSTLUDE