



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

6th Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Prelude "Prayer" from Suite Gothique Ken Sass, Guest Organist
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Susan Haynes

† Congregational Introit "Everlasting God" by Brenton Brown & Ken Riley

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord
Our God You reign forever, Our Hope our strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God, The everlasting God,
You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God, The everlasting God
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God, The everlasting God, The everlasting God*

† Gathering as the Children of God (adapted from Psalm 148)

One: We come here drawn by the power of God's love.

All: We have come to hear the Good News and to find and celebrate new life.

One: We have come remembering the words of Jesus, "Peace I give to you."

**All: We are thankful for the words of Jesus and remember how he said,
"Do not let your hearts be troubled, and neither let them be afraid."
This is the peace we live in and the promise we celebrate here in this time of worship.**

† Hymn No. 469 "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

† Prayer of Confession (unison) Elizabeth Small

*We often confuse our will with yours, Lord God.
Though our intentions are good, we often fail to listen for your intentions
and stubbornly choose our way rather than your way.*

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*Redirect us to the paths you would have us follow.
Help us decide our course based on your inspiration and not our rationalization.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.*

† Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

† Response (#118, v2)

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

*Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal, Of resurrection light
And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.*

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *(read responsively)*

Psalm 67 from The Message

One: God, mark us with grace and blessing! Smile!
All: *The whole country will see how you work, all the godless nations see how you save.*
One: God! Let people thank and enjoy you. Let all people thank and enjoy you.
All: *Let all far-flung people become happy and shout their happiness because you judge them fair and square, you tend the far-flung peoples.*
One: God! Let people thank and enjoy you. Let all people thank and enjoy you.
All: *Earth, display your exuberance! You mark us with blessings, O God, our God. Earth's four corners – honor God!*

Anthem/Special Music

"Cantabile"

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Matthias Young, Guitar

Epistle Lesson

Acts 16:9-16

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"The Road Less Traveled"

Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"Plein jeu, Fugue sur la Trompette"

François Couperin (1668-1733)

† Doxology (#592)

"Old Hundredth"

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

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (*Ecumenical*)

Elizabeth Small

*Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread!
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.*

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 393

"Take Up Your Cross"

BOURBON

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Congregational Response (#538, v2)

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful to the truth may we be found.*

† Postlude

"Prelude on an American Folk Hymn"

BOURBON
Gilbert M. Martin

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Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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