

SENDING

- *Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Hymnal #307
- *Benediction**
- *Congregational Response**
"God of Grace and God of Glory" Hymnal #307, last lines
*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.*
- *Postlude**

Serving Today
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Coffee Host
Welcome Table

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Pastor: Rev. Sam Codington

Please rise in body or spirit, where you see an asterisk. *

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

MAY 21, 2023 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Music for Meditation

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

Welcome

Words for Preparation:

"Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper." Psalm 1:1-3.

***Gathering Song**

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

*Praise the Name of Jesus. Praise the Son of God.
Glory, glory be to Christ our King;
Jesus Christ, Son of God, Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
Praise the Name of Jesus. Praise the Son of God.
Glory, glory be to Christ our King;
Jesus Christ, risen Lord, Jesus Christ is the risen Lord.*

Choral Introit

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Call to Worship (From *Praying with the Earth*)

Sue Razaia

Leader: May the sparks of God's beauty dance in the eyes of those we love.

All: May the new sun's rising grace us with gratitude.

Leader: Let earth's greenness shine and its waters breathe with Spirit.

All: Let heaven's winds stir the soil of our soul and fresh awakenings rise within us.
Leader: May the mighty angels of light glisten in all things this day.
All: May they summon us to reverence, may they call us to life.

*Hymn "God of Our Life" Hymnal #686

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Leader: Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbour as yourself." For all the times we miss or ignore these teachings, we confess and turn toward the grace and mercy of God.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you or our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O God, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water, that we may better love you and faithfully serve you.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ, every day is a brand new day. The past no longer determines who we are.

All: In Christ, we are a new creation, a fresh new word, for this day and the next, all of us forgiven, loved, freed. Alleluia! Amen!

*Response "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.

PROCLAIMING

Choir Anthem

Sermon on the Steps

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson (NRSV)

Leader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Kristi Van Nostran

RESPONDING

*Hymn "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" Hymnal #543

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Please sing) Renew 177
Our Father which 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 forgive 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.

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

All: God our Creator, fill us to the brim with your love, until your love radiates through us, freeing and filling every place and person with renewed life. Amen.