



6th Sunday of Easter
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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Worgan"
Peter Lutkin
public domain

WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

I Am the Good Shepherd
Composed by Dale Wood
Augsburg Publishing House, 1969

*I am the good shepherd:
I know my own sheep and they know me,
I am the good shepherd.*

*As the Lord knows me and I know the Lord
and I lay down my life for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

Pre-K-5th Graders

*HYMN No. 396

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

CALL TO CONFESSION

Violet Stroope

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of Care,

We thank you for the gift of being in relationship with one another and with you. However, our gratitude morphs into selfishness and self-preservation. We are sorry for the times we do not treat one another with care and compassion. We fail to live by your values and to teach them to our children. We avoid attending to the concerns of our loved ones, undervalue the relationships we have chosen, and ignore the needs of your most vulnerable children.

Forgive us, Lord.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

God, even when we don't deserve it, your love is sure and your grace is boundless. You comfort us as a mother comforts her child. Bring us back into right relationship with you and one another, so we can tell the whole world of your redeeming grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Friends, let us be reminded once again of the everlasting love of God. Through the Risen Jesus, we are forgiven and free!

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn 248 - v1
sung through one time*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

A Review of Paul's Journey
Philippians 1:1-18a

Act Up!
Erin Tolar

SERMON

Erin Tolar

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Mother and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time,
on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Help Lord, My Faith

St. James Press, 2000

*Help Lord my faith, my hope increase, and fill my portion with thy peace,
Live ever Bread of love and be my life, my soul, my surer self to me.*

*Come love, come Lord, and that long day for which I languish, come away,
When this dry soul those eyes shall see, and drink the unsealed source of thee.*

*Rise Royal Sion rise and sing, thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's king,
Give love for life nor let my day grow, but in new powers to thy name, and praise.*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God,

Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. We offer our time, talents, and treasures with thanksgiving for all you have given to us. Use these gifts to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed. In Your Son's name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN No. 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...

everywhere!

POSTLUDE

Come, Come, Ye Saints

Michael Howe

Sonos, 1996

*Many thanks to Sadie Knapp and Nora Broadhurst Williams
who helped to live-stream the service today.*

Today is the UPC "Act Up!" drama troupe's final scripture interpretation of the school year. Our troupe has been blessed by the creativity, energy, and artistic and acting skills of this special group of 1st to 8th graders.

We are very grateful to **Meredith Veldman, Mary Mikell, and Suzanne Trahan** who led the group this year. Meredith served as the director, adapting works early in the year and then writing the scripts. The kids also offered lots of suggestions to bring the scriptures of the lectionary to life!

The following students contributed to our performances, either during worship services or the preparation process:

Bliss Barnes	Alice Raetzsch
Gus Barnes	Jude Raetzsch
Kirby Barnes	Wulfrick Robertson
Blythe Brouliette	Aden Rowland
Elijah Fontenot-Stafford	Henry Rowland
Salem Fontenot-Stafford	Evangeline Sabin
Olive Foval	Imogene Sabin
Stella Foval	Riley Shaffer
Nicholas Knapp	Lote Thistlethwaite
Joseph Nguyen	Caroline Wright

Several 8th to 12th grade students also contributed their talents and leadership during the Christmas nativity play.

A special thank you goes to Tom Shelton, who helped us with placement of our props and microphones all year long, and to Kathy Pohlman and Linda Walker for creating the nativity play costumes.



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