

A Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

May 22, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

-Burkhardt

Greeting

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Ka Guinn, Worship Leader

Creator God, we are here!

**We are here to give thanks for your love,
which created the world and all who live in it – including us.**

Redeeming Son, we are here!

We are here to give thanks for your grace, which you gave to each of us

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**a gift we did nothing to deserve,
but that you gave so that we might stay close to you.**

Sustaining Spirit, we are here!

**We are here to give thanks for the way you flow in us and through us,
bridging divisions and giving us the faith
to follow where you lead us as Christ's disciples.**

Let us worship God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

*God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.*

*Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.*

*Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.*

*Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy,

**your command to love one another across all differences
opens us to new horizons.**

**Yet we often respond with fear and
judgment that hinders your goal for humanity.**

Forgive our sins, we pray.

Give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!

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.**

Thanks be to God! Alleluia

***Response**

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen! (Refrain)

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Janina Peachey

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 13:31-35

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn**

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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"I was there to hear your borning cry;

I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized

*to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.”*

*“When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.”*

*“In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.”*

*“I was there to hear your borning cry;
I’ll be there when you are old.*

*I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.”*

Presentation of Our Confirmands

Melissa Caldwell

Ruth Rascoe, Riley Scheidt

Profession of Faith

Confirmands

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

The Apostles' 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.

Prayer

Laying on of Hands

*All present are asked to remain seated and to extend their hands in a gesture of
blessing.*

Welcome (responsive)

Melissa Caldwell

**Ruth and Riley, by professing your faith publicly,
you have expressed your intention
to grow in the covenant God made with you in your baptism.
May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you
in the worship and mission of the church. Amen. Alleluia!**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

The Meditations of My Heart

-Hagenberg

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.
O Lord my Rock, O Lord, my strength
O Lord my God and Redeemer.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 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.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me (vv. 1-4)

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“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?

*Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

*Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

*Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

*Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Will You Come and Follow Me (v. 5)

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Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.