

May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98, adapted)

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

The Lord has made his salvation widely known.

We rejoice and sing praise to God.

*HYMN FH #19 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

PRAYER OF YEARNING (Kirsten Linford)

O God, you are bigger than the world, bigger than our fears, bigger even than our folly. We are grateful for the immensity of your love, even when it sometimes scares us. When the immensity of your love frightens us, we long to return to you in hope. We want to make you smaller, small enough that we can hold you. Helps us see beyond our narrow vision. Remind us again, O God, that you will always find and hold us, that your heart is big enough to hold the whole world, including us. Teach us once more that we will always grow when we love others as we love you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Kirsten Linford, adapted)

The God of mercy speaks every language. God’s love is the greatest power of all. God’s mercy is there for every one of us. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Sung Response

***O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.***

THE WORD OF GOD

GOSPEL LESSON

[I John 5:1-6](#)

Special Music “Communion Hymn” soloist Gordon Taylor

A SERMON “Born from God”

HYMN FH #1 *“Blessed Assurance”*

PRAYERS FOR THE DAY

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response

THE OFFERING

Sung Response

Thank you, Lord.

Thank you, Lord.

Thank you, Lord.

I just want to thank you, Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Kirsten Linford, adapted)

We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

Prayer of Gratitude

We give thanks for the grace of this simple meal. May we become the body of Christ, sent forth into the world as the

**living presence of love incarnate, serving creation with joy.
Amen.**

HYMN FH#81 *“Dona nobis pacem”*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Marianne will be away for continuing education from 5/5 to 5/7. No office hours this week, but Potluck and Bible study will happen as usual. In an emergency, Pastor Marianne can be reached by phone.