

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Jacob's Ladder arr. John Stainer
Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us walk with one another as the disciples did. Let us journey together as we tell God's story in song and proclamation.

People: Let us ponder what we have seen and heard; what we know to be true, and what we hope beyond hope is real.

Leader: Let us walk, that our minds might be clear, our hearts open, and our spirits renewed.

People: Behold, God journeys with us; Jesus walks beside us. May the Spirit give us eyes to see the risen Christ.

All: Here and everywhere, now and always. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn #152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

*Centering Prayer

New every morning is your love, Great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Psalter Reading

Psalm 66:8-20

Hymnal, page 790



God holds our souls, our souls in life.

Ministry of the Word

1 Peter 3:13-16 (NLT)

Children's Message

*Hymn of Preparation #468

Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See

A Prayer of Remembrance & Honor

We hold up before you, our Creator, all of our loved ones who have passed from earth into eternity. Especially, we remember those who have laid down their lives that others might live. Keep them in our memories. Keep them in our hearts. And grant us the assurance that we shall be reunited around the Father's throne. Amen.

Sermon

"Follow the Leader"

Rev. Bates

Text: John 14:15-21 (The Message)

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lord, teach us to pray.

People: So we may listen and hear you.

Leader: Lord, teach us to pray.

People: So that hearing we may follow you.

Leader: Lord, teach us to pray.

People: So that following, we may live our lives for you.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

Offering & Offertory

If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis

Mary Frances Bukva & Melissa Chavez, sopranos

Keren Gibson & Katherine Long, altos

Lynn McConahy & Kenneth Ritter, tenors

David Coffron & Sean Coffron, basses

*Doxology (#94)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous and gracious Savior, we offer our gifts and our lives in response to the extravagant gift of your redeeming love. With joy and thanks we make this offering, grateful for the privilege of taking part in your salvation story. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Benediction

by John DeGruchy

Leader: Renew your Church, Lord, your people in this land.

People: Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service.

Leader: In the power of your Spirit transform us, and shape us by your cross.

All: Amen.

*Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

**For those who are able, please stand*