

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

*Gospel Greats*  
Carillon Bells

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

**People: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.**

Leader: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

**People: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!**

Leader: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

**People: Praise be to God. AMEN!**

### \*Hymn #547

*O Church of God, United*

### Opening Prayer

How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John proclaims a crystal river flowing from God's throne, comforting light, peace and hope for all God's people. Darkness is vanquished. Open our eyes and our hearts to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you, knowing what awaits our eyes in glory. AMEN.

Anthem

*If Ye Love Me*  
Sanctuary Choir

## PROCLAMATION

**New Testament Reading** – Acts 16:9-15

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Psalter – Psalm 67

Hymnal, Page 791

\*Gloria Patri #70

**Epistle Reading** – Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Hymn #128

*He Leadeth Me*

\*Gospel Reading – John 14:23-29

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Children's Message**

**Sermon** – "Spirit-Led"

Pastor Alan

## RESPONSE

\*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

**Prayers of the People**

*The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:*

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

\*Passing the Peace

**Offering & Offertory** *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* Handel

\*Doxology (UMH #95)

## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

\*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

\*The Lord's Prayer

**Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

**Prayer After Receiving** (UMH, pg. 11)

## SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn #548

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*