



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

This is my command: Love one another the way
I loved you. This is the very best way to love.

—John 15:11-15 (The Message)



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Now the Silence”

Wallace

Welcome

Call to Worship

O God, you sing us a love song every time we gather,

Every time the bread is broken,

Every time the cup is blessed.

O God, sing to us again.

Let our lives blossom in your love,

Till the whole world knows your love song.

Songs of Praise

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

“The Goodness of God”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

#615

Johnson, et al.

Wickham, et al.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. You say you will give us rest, yet we don't always believe it. Forgive us for being distracted by our doing instead of finding rest in your being. Help us to put aside our tasks so that we might find our rest in you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	Psalm 98	Carrie Heins
Time for Young Disciples	Colin, Linsey, Elliott, Lucy Monaghan	
Scripture Reading	John 15:9-17	
Sermon	"No Greater Love"	Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	#897
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Affirmation of Faith—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.

Minute for Ministry

Peninsula College Homestay Program

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Communion - Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn

"All Who Are Thirsty"

#807

Prayers of the People

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn

"Go to the World"

#925

Benediction

Postlude

“Hymn of Promise”

Sleeth

Leading in Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Carrie Heins, Michael Rivers

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers, Iantha Frazer

Media Team (varies): Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown, Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Mark Wendt, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Sadie Miller

Slides: Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

Next Sunday's Worship - May 12, Ascension Sunday

Psalm 47, *Acts 1:1-11; “Waiting on the Spirit”

Acts is the second book in a two-part series that began with the Gospel of Luke. It chronicles the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ. That story begins with Christ ascending into heaven, leaving the disciples Jerusalem to wait upon "the promise of the Father," that is, the Holy Spirit. One wonders how the disciples felt about Jesus leaving them again, albeit this time very much alive. What was it like to lose him again? What could possibly be more powerful than to have Jesus by their side?

Announcements

All Church Retreat (May 17-19) - Last day to register is Wed., May 8!

FYI, today, Sunday, May 5, Monday Musicales Auditions taking place in Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, 2-3 pm

Adult Christian Formation, Monday, May 6, 7 pm, Zoom

FISH Company, Tuesday, May 7, 8 am, Zoom

Praise Team, Tuesday, May 7, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, May 8, 9 am, Fellowship Hall

FYI, Fellowship Hall is in use May 8, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Food Bank Helpers, Thursday, May 9, 10 am, P.A. Food Bank

Reel Reflections, Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm, *Barbie* reshowing, online only

New Church Officers Installed, Sunday, May 12, during worship

The nursery is available during the 8:30 am service; it is located in the upstairs classroom, last room on the left. Hearing assistance devices are available for use during worship. Please ask an usher to assist you.