

6th Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

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PRELUDE Prelude in g minor BWV 558 J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As settlers to this land, we were welcomed, sustained and taught by the indigenous peoples who had lived on these lands for thousands of years before we arrived.

In our zeal to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, we were closed to the value of their spirituality. We confused Western ways and culture with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization and our culture as a condition to accepting the Gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is distorted and blurred. We are not what God intended us to be.

In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway nation and indigenous peoples who preceded them, and we acknowledge with respect their history, their spirituality and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Dearest Jesus *Marcel Dupré*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Gracious and loving God, we come to you seeking to be the people you would have us be. We come humbly into this place of worship to learn more about how we can become your faithful and loving people.

At this Easter season, we see the promise of resurrection all around us. The sun shines warmer, the rain brings forth the flowers and the leaves, the birds return, and we rejoice in

the birth of new life.

Some of us come to worship in this sanctuary, while others come electronically, seeking to build community together. Wherever, we are, we know that you are with us, supporting and comforting us, encouraging us to grow and change in our understanding of your will and our willingness to follow your commands.

Help us to reach out in love to others, inviting their participation in ways that are truly welcoming and inclusive. Teach us to learn new paths to true discipleship, to break out of our familiar comfort zones in order to reach out to others in love and trust.

Your embrace is wide enough to enfold all who believe, whatever race, language, creed, ability, talent or strengths we might have.

We are your people. We are not alone. We can always rely on your abiding love to guide and strengthen us in our journey. Help us to walk in Jesus' way, guided by the Spirit. Amen

***VOICES UNITED 401** Worship the Lord

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (silent prayer)

SHARING TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

BIBLE READING John 5: 1-9 from the New Testament page 96

***VOICES UNITED 570** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

BIBLE READING John 9: 1-17 from the New Testament page 102

DOXOLOGY Love is the Touch #89 in More Voices (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

MEDITATION God's Miracles Reconsidered

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

CHOIR ANTHEM Flowers Will Bloom in the Desert
Words by Walter Farquharson, Music by Ron Klusmeier

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Generous and loving God, let us through our gifts from the abundance we have received from you, work to further your will for your world. Make us truly grateful and humble as we learn to share our blessings with all. May we have kind hands, loving hearts, forgiving attitudes and inclusive understanding as we seek to be your faithful people. Amen

***VOICES UNITED 586** We Shall Go Out in Hope of Resurrection

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT I Have Called You by Your Name
#161 More Voices (verse 4 only)

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
 I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
 With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole; go and tell
 my precious people they are mine.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune *Henry Purcell*