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## Sixth Sunday of EASTER



Grandmother Pabla and Granddaughter Jasmin  
Nuevo San José, Guatemala, April 2006

**May 9, 2021**  
**10:00 am**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

# **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## **In Preparation for Worship**

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

## **Pandemic Safety Protocols**

- Please spread yourselves out in the sanctuary. Leave the first two rows of pews for worship leaders.
- Please remain seated throughout the service.
- You can sing the hymns softly with your mask on.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up at the front door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use.
- We will want everyone out of the building by 10 minutes after the service ends.

# **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

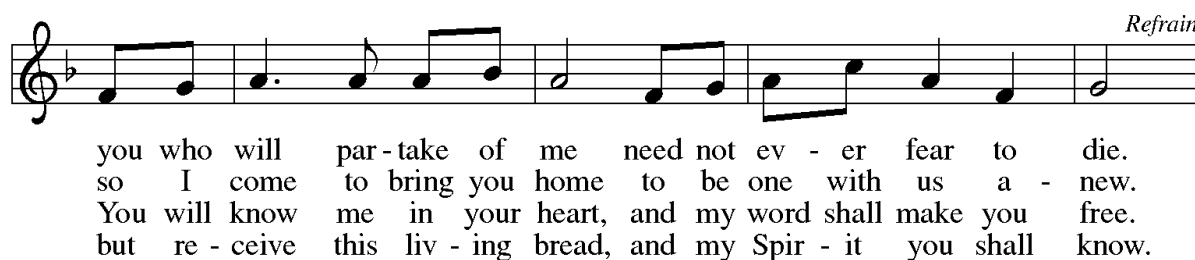
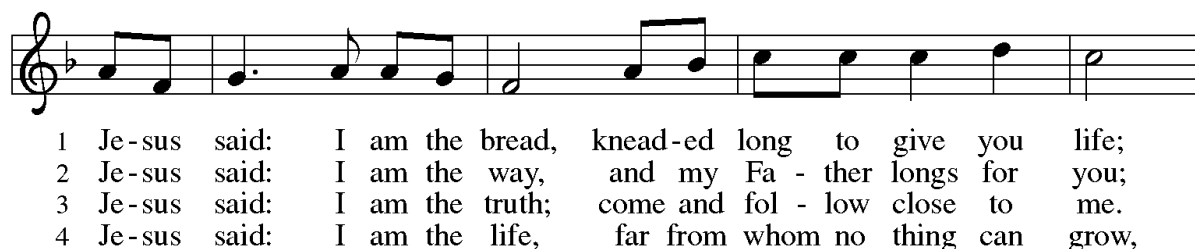
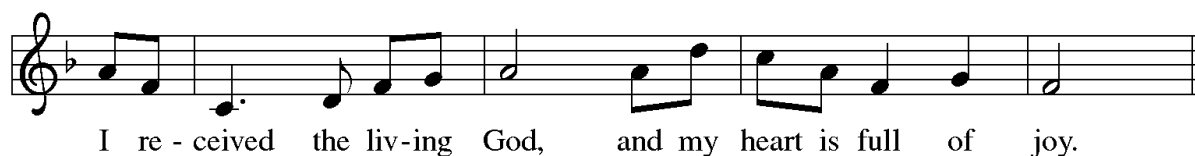
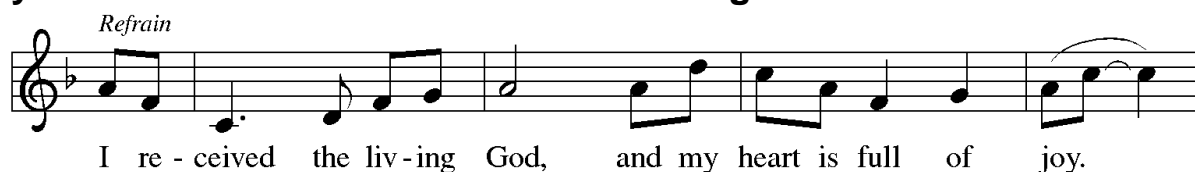
**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**, arr. Lloyd Larson

**Welcome**



## Hymn

## I Received the Living God



Text: Anonymous  
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

*Refrain*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**Acts 10:44-48** (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Peter had spoken about Jesus to the Roman soldier, Cornelius, and his family, the Holy Spirit came on the listeners. The believing Jews who had come with Peter couldn't believe it, couldn't believe that the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on "outsider" non-Jews, but there it was—they heard them speaking in tongues, heard them praising God.

Then Peter said, "Do I hear any objections to baptizing these friends with water? They've received the Holy Spirit exactly as we did." Hearing no objections, he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay on for a few days.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98



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Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to | judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.



## Gospel

**John 15:9-17** (The Message. alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

During his last conversation with his followers, Jesus said, “I’ve loved you the way my Abba God has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done—kept my Abba’s commands and made myself at home in his love.

“I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from my Abba..

“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask my Abba in relation to me, my Abba gives you.

“But remember the root command: Love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

**JOY!**

Living Christ, I live in you ....  
I belong to you.  
My life is gathered into you,  
all my actions happen inside you.

I see the world through your eyes,  
love the world through your broken, joyous heart.  
I am the fingers of your hand.

In confidence and humility  
I abide in you,  
held in your peace,  
loving with your love,  
rejoicing with your joy.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

## Ministry of Music

***I've Got the Joy***

arr. Pepper Choplin  
Karen Kent, piano

## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker and Cathy Oldham, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Heidi Sherer's Aunt Mary and family on the death of her Uncle Joel Sherer, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Izzy and Sophie Skoog, Kris Kauffman, Terry Warren, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp's cousin Beatrice Watts Young

## **Children's Time**

### **Sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.



## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

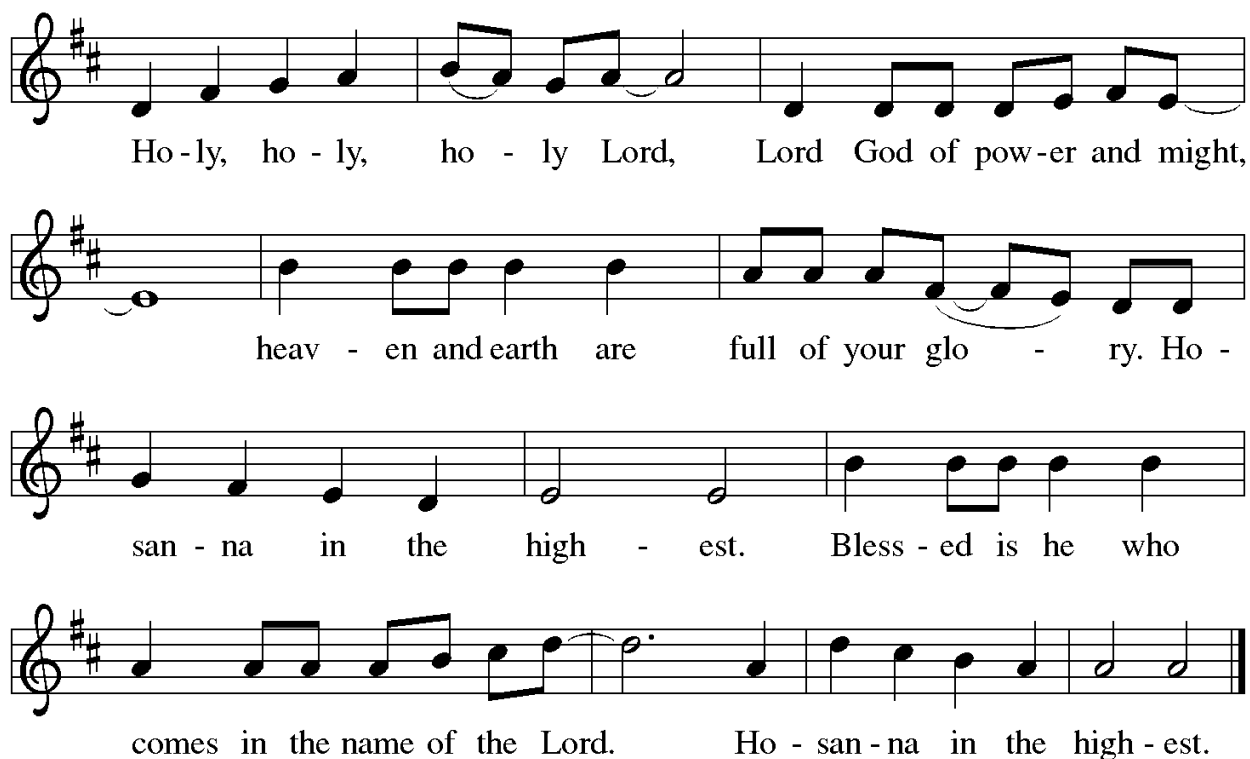
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life joining ours. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ, and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected; before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed; before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken; before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices – Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ’s Love and be transformed by Christ’s Life.

### **Sharing the Meal**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus’ table: he welcomed everyone, and so do we.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. Alleluia! **Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Refrain— sung twice each time*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The first system is the main refrain, which is repeated twice. The second system continues the refrain. The third system concludes the refrain with the word 'End'. The fourth system is a new stanza with two verses. The fifth system is a repeat of the stanza, followed by a final line of text. The lyrics are in English and Afrikaans.

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

*End*

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Sending Announcements**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***, arr. John Carter

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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***Adult Sunday School***  
***11:15 am Sundays***



***Holy Spirit: Source of Life***

***Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting***

***Time: 11:15 AM***

***<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9rYVBkMC90Zz09>***

***Meeting ID: 818 8878 2023 – Passcode: 630107***

***Phone only: 646 876 9923***



**Sister Act**

**BE BOLD IN 2021!**

**Bold Connections—**

**Day Retreat**

**Saturday, May 15**

**11:00 am**

**at Sue Yehling's home**

*Please join us for fellowship and discussion*



**Nehemiah Action**

**Tuesday May 11 – 6:45-8:30pm**

**Zoom**

***<https://buytickets.at/breadorganization/510270>***

**[attendance is free]**



## Anti-Racism Group

**Wednesday, May 12**

**7:00 pm – via Zoom**

Any who wish are invited to join us as we talk about concrete steps we can take to bear witness to the inclusive love and justice of Jesus.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86909245062?pwd=eGhFWCt4UTUzNFM4RmtzdGR2NzZKZz09>

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***Exploring the Psalms***  
**We'd love to have you join us!**

**Tuesdays – 1:00 pm**  
**Hybrid Sessions**

**In Person – Room 2**

**Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michele Disbro
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Tori Reed
<b>Reader</b>	Michele Disbro
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Kent
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Producer</b>	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro

*Flowers are dedicated by **Wendy Stoica** in memory of **Tim**.  
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 9 - 16

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:45-8:30 pm	ZOOM BREAD Nehemiah Action
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	ZOOM Anti-Racism Group
<b>Thursday</b>	5:00 pm	<b>RLC at First English</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 am	Sister Act Day Retreat
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
	2-4:00 pm	Confirmation Class

